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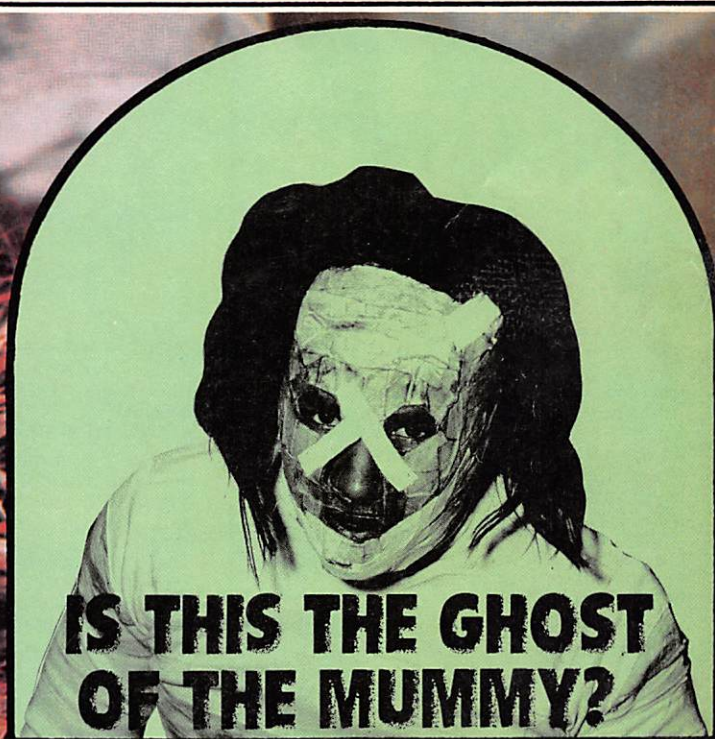
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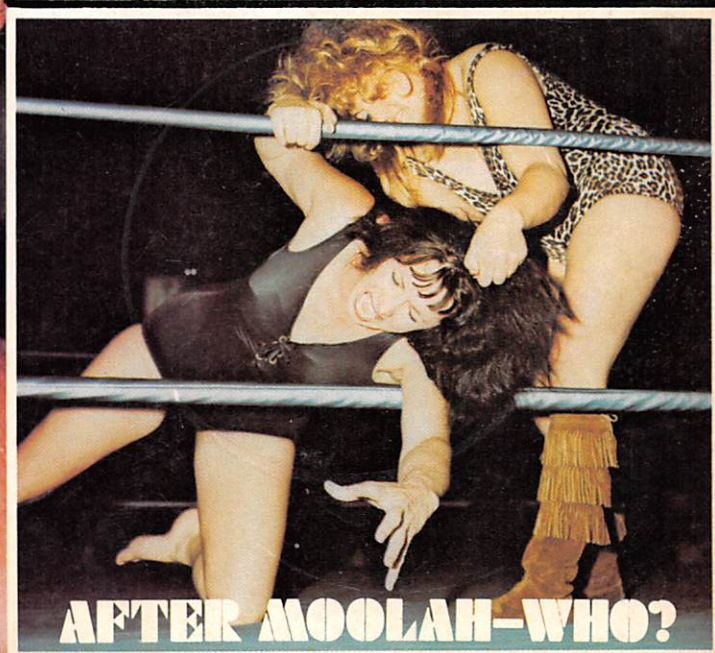


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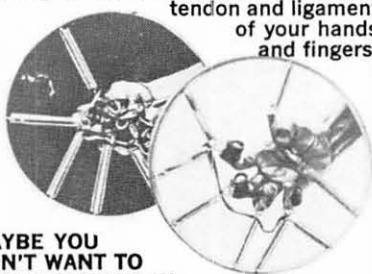
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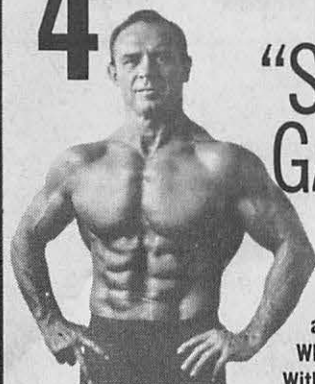
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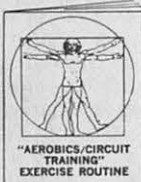
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# HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING, BABY!

By Bill Apter

**T**HE NATIONAL WRESTLING Federation is threatening to strip Johnny Valentine of his North American Championship because he flatly refuses to give former champ Johnny Powers a title shot.

"Why should I?" Valentine demanded. "He never gave me a title shot when I wanted one. I want to see him sweat a little like he made me do. I love seeing that phony suffer!"

Powers, really upset by this, told us "It's getting so that I don't even care if he puts the title on the line. I just want to get Valentine and end his reign of terror. He likes to see people suffer. Well, he's going to get a lot of pleasure looking in the mirror at his battered face after I get a shot at him—that's if I ever do."

Officers of the N.W.F. are giving Valentine 30 days to defend his title against top-ranked Powers or give it up.

The self-proclaimed "King Of Wrestling," Ernie Ladd, is still holding tight to the Americas championship.

"I'll never let this beautiful belt find itself on anybody else's waist," Ladd bragged. "I have defeated all competition. There is no wrestler who can defeat me. Mil Mascaras fell beneath me and so did that so-called hero John Tolos. How about giving me some non-preliminary wrestlers for a change?"

The new team of Lord Al Hays and Ricki Starr seems like a sure threat to the Western States tag team title... Al Costello has returned from his tour of his native Australia and is preparing to teach some new "secret strategy" to Don Kent, his partner. Al thinks it will make them virtually unbeatable... Killer Kowalski is excited about his new rookie find Chuck O'Connor. "He's going to be as deadly as me one day," Kowalski vowed... Bobby Shane claims, "My protege, Redbeard, will win the world title soon. Funk Jr. is

ducking him now. It's only a matter of time before we catch up with him."... The Fargo Brothers are negotiating with W.W.W.F. promoters for a tag team title shot. They refuse to accept preliminary matches in any territory. "We've proved ourselves," Don said. "We don't have to start at the bottom anywhere."



*Dory Funk Jr.'s schedule is so hectic he recently defended his world heavyweight title twice in a single day! He won twice.*

"Dory Funk Jr. has proven himself in the eyes of the world," Dory Funk Sr. said recently. "My boy has been doing something no other champion has the ability to do. He's been defending his title twice in the same day. Just a few weeks ago," the proud father grinned, "Jr. wrestled Dickie Steinborn at 3 p.m. and at nine o'clock he was in the ring defending against Jerry Brisco, who really doesn't deserve a title shot. But my

boy was nice enough to give it to him."

Another shocking death on the wrestling scene—Mr. X, who was managed by the Assassins, was killed in an auto accident. The mysterious masked man was only 29 years old... Manuel Soto and Victor Rivera have become steady tag team partners. They're after every version of the tag team title. "We'll solve the title problem by winning them all," Soto commented... Buddy Colt is still terrorizing opponents and fans in the Southern State region... George "The Animal" Steele is begging promoters to rematch him with Pedro Morales. "Let that nut wrestle the real champ—me!" Steele exclaimed... Larry Zybyko, a young rookie sensation, is wowing fans in the Pennsylvania area... Tony Marino vows, "I'll kill The Sheik the next time we meet. That animal is through as far as I'm concerned."... Mighty Igor and Pampero Firpo wrestled more outside the ring than inside during their last bout. "I no need a ring," Firpo growled. "Just give me some small dark room to keel him! I love that kind of atmosphere!"... Verne Gagne just returned from Munich, Germany, where he was scouting wrestling talent at the Olympic Games. "I saw some very impressive grapplers," Gagne reported.

Young Robert Fuller teamed with the more experienced Sputnik Monroe and they gained a victory over the treacherous Von Brauner twins!

"That kid's a pleasure to work with," Monroe gleamed. "He learns so easily. I taught him a few moves in the gym just a few hours before the match and he retained it. Those valuable moves won the match for us. I hope this kid will stick with me for a long time."

Bobo Brazil won the U.S. title back from Pampero Firpo, the man who "illegally beat me for it," Brazil claimed... Maria LaVerne is feuding

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## JOLTING IN JERSEY By Jon Clark

**T**HE ASBURY PARK Convention Hall in New Jersey was alive and jumping as Willie Gilzenberg promoted a topnotch card headed by a title clash. The championship match saw W.W.W.F. kingpin Pedro Morales put his title up against Lou Albano's deadly weapon, the Spoiler.

"That Mexican jumping bean isn't fit to hold the title," Spoiler bellowed before the match. "I will claw his ugly face to shreds. I will leave the arena with the title!"

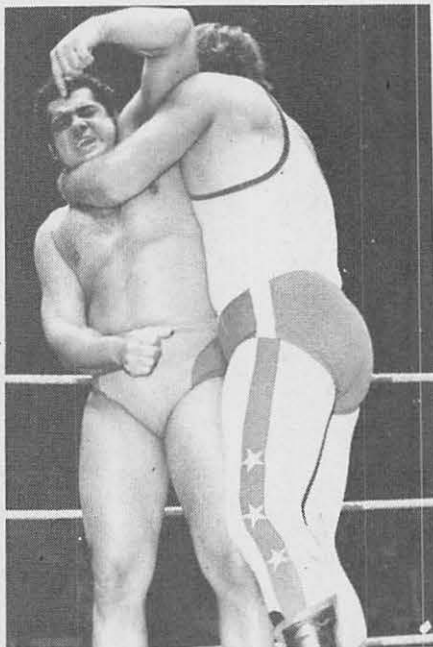
When the match got underway it was Spoiler who was in charge for the first few minutes. He dazzled the champ with takedowns and armwhips. At one point Pedro lured Spoiler into a corner and that spelled the end for the claw master. Pedro slugged away and then threw him over the top rope and onto the concrete floor! He landed so hard that he couldn't return by the fatal 20 count. So Pedro left the Convention Hall still champion.

In other action, Gorilla Monsoon turned the tables on The Black Demon... Jack Evans scored a victory over Jeff Johnson... El Olimpico drew with Chuck O'Connor... Joe Nova downed Juan Rodriquez.



## CALIFORNIA WRESTLING By Larry Barhnizer, Tom Brophy & Warren Kubota

Northern California fans were treated to a tag team title match on television as the champions, Lars Anderson and Paul DeMarco, put their belts up against Rocky "Soul Man" Johnson



When Pedro Morales and the Spoiler hooked up in Asbury Park, N.J. (above) Spoiler wound up taking a trip over the top rope and could not beat the 20-count. Rocky Johnson (left) and Pat Patterson went after the tag team belts of Paul DeMarco (right) and big Lars Anderson, but just when it seemed there'd be a title change the champions got themselves disqualified.

and Pat Patterson.

The first fall started off with scientific wrestling by both teams. But when the going got rough the champs resorted to their usual foul tactics. But that didn't help much as the challengers won the first fall when Johnson applied his patented Boston Crab on Anderson.

During the second fall the advantage swayed back and forth. At one point all four wrestlers were in the ring. As the referee chased Patterson back to his corner, Anderson and DeMarco double teamed Johnson. They picked him up and dropped him—head first—over the top rope! Then DeMarco dragged the limp body of the Soul Man off of the ring apron where he had landed and brought him to mid-ring for the pin.

The third fall was a wild brawl that



saw all four in the ring again! Patterson slammed DeMarco into the steel ring post, head first. DeMarco started bleeding. Then Pat bodyslammed him and applied a body press. The referee began counting—"one, two." Anderson quickly ran in and hit the referee and that stopped the count. But Anderson and DeMarco were promptly disqualified for Anderson's actions. The champs retained their title as a championship cannot change hands on a disqualification. Johnson and Patterson feel that "they got themselves disqualified purposely so they wouldn't lose their titles."

Action in Los Angeles has been  
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**Q:** Will The Sheik ever wrestle in Madison Square Garden? I've never seen him wrestle in person.—Bob Belenchia, Yonkers, N.Y.

**A:** "Neither Madison Square Garden nor the entire city of New York could pay us enough money for me to bring my beloved Sheik there!" exclaimed Abdullah Farouk. "My Sheik has wrestled in Madison Square Garden and he was treated terribly. In fact, while he was wrestling his hotel room was robbed. That city is for animals—not human beings."

**Q:** Ask Jack Brisco who his toughest opponent is.—Paul Jensen, Winona, Minn.

**A:** "I guess most people would expect me to say Dory Funk Jr.," Jack grinned, "but I've had pretty good luck against him. My toughest opponent lately has been Paul Jones. I just can't seem to get a clear-cut victory against him."

**Q:** Whatever happened to Buddy Rogers, the greatest wrestler ever?—Edward J. McGraw, Lindenhurst, N.Y.

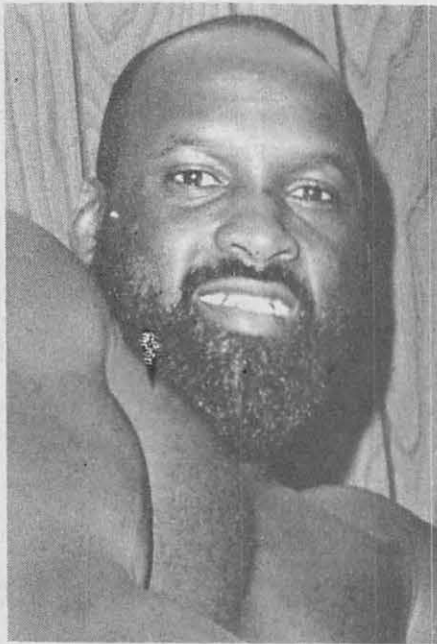
**A:** Buddy has retired from the ring and is presently a very happy and very successful businessman in the Philadelphia suburbs. He said to make sure we tell all his fans that he is still grateful for the kind thoughts expressed to him through the years.

**Q:** Does Kenji Shibuya fear Killer Kowalski?—Langlais Beaujour, Stamford, Conn.

**A:** "I fear no man," was Kenji's

obvious answer. "Kowalski says I cost our team the Americas tag team championship. If so, how come I've held that title with other men but he's held it only with me? I am the better man and I'm certainly not afraid of him!"

**Q:** Is Sonny King related to Bearcat Wright?—Laurent Mori-



Wherever he goes Sonny King is asked if he and Bearcat Wright are related. Sonny says they aren't as far as he can tell. sette, Stamford, Conn.

**A:** "As far as I know we're not related," Sonny said. "In fact, we've never met socially although we have wrestled in the same towns at the same time. I guess we look alike. People are always asking me if we're related."

**Q:** Where do masked wrestlers get their masks?—Ramon Villareal, Granger, Texas.

**A:** There are private supply houses which will provide a variety of masks, but the overwhelming percentage of wrestlers have their masks custom made specifically for their facial dimensions.

**Q:** How come promoters let Lord Layton referee title matches? He robbed The Sheik of his U.S. title by favoring Bobo Brazil as well as robbing Pampero Firpo of the same title by again favoring Brazil. Both men were given fast counts. He should be barred from refereeing.—Rich Helton, Lincoln Park, Michigan.

**A:** Lord Layton holds an official referee's license which demands that he referee a certain number of matches per year in order for the license to remain valid. The Commission finds no fault with Lord Layton's handling of either the Brazil-Sheik match or the Brazil-Firpo match.

**Q:** How come El Olimpico and Black Demon can wrestle in New York and all the other masked wrestlers can't?—Frank Lempert, Bronx, N.Y.

**A:** The New York State Athletic Commission refuses to let wrestlers disguise or cover their faces. They are permitted, however, to wear a head covering as long as the full face can be seen. "I didn't mind taking my mask off because of the great competi-

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Don Bolander says: "Now you can learn to speak and write like a college graduate."

# Is Your English Holding You Back?

"Do you avoid the use of certain words even though you know perfectly well what they mean? Have you ever been embarrassed because you pronounced a word incorrectly? Are you sometimes unsure of yourself in a conversation with new acquaintances? Do you have difficulty writing a good letter or putting your true thoughts down on paper?"

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**Question:** What do you mean by a "command of good English"?

**Answer:** A command of good English means you can express yourself clearly

and easily without fear of embarrassment or making mistakes. It means you can write well, carry on a good conversation—also read rapidly and remember what you read. Good English can help you throw off self-doubts that may be holding you back.

**Question:** Are there other advantages to be gained by acquiring a command of good English?

**Answer:** Yes! Words are actually "tools of thought." The more you learn about words and how to use them to form and express your ideas, the better your thinking becomes. For this reason a command of good English often pays off in unexpected ways.

**Question:** Wouldn't I have to go back to school to gain a command of good English?

**Answer:** No, not anymore. You can gain the ability to speak and write like a college graduate right in your own home—in only a few minutes each day.

**Question:** Is this something new?

**Answer:** Career Institute of Chicago has been helping people for many years. The Career Institute Method quickly shows you how to stop making embarrassing mistakes, enlarge your vocabulary, develop your writing ability,

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**Question:** Who are some of these people?

**Answer:** The Career Institute Method is used by men and women of all ages. Some have attended college, others high school, and others only grade school. The method has helped business men and women, homemakers, industrial workers, clerks, secretaries... almost anyone you can think of.

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# LETTERS

## BRAVO BRISCO!

This letter is in defense of Jack Brisco. A few issues ago Mr. Rick Halliday wrote a letter stating that Dory Funk Jr. should be the 1972 "Wrestler Of The Year." Mr. Halliday—just because Funk has the title it doesn't mean he deserves the "Wrestler Of The Year" award. I'll admit he is a good wrestler but I, along with millions of other fans, think that Jack is the better wrestler. He may not have the belt now but he will soon. Mr. Haliday, could it be that you're a little prejudiced? After all, you are from Funk's home state.

JOJO BRYANT  
Bassett, Virginia

## ROBERTO—ROBBED!

In a recent issue of The WRESTLER, Bill Apter stated in his "Here's What's Happening, Baby" column that "correspondent Mike Mooneyham reports that Buddy Cold lost the Georgia State title to El Mongol." Well, I like El Mongol a lot but credit should be given where it's due. El Mongol wasn't the one who beat Colt. It was Roberto Soto. Thanks for letting me clear this matter up.

BRENDA WALDEN  
Riverdale, Georgia

## NOT IMPARTIAL?

In the August issue of INSIDE WRESTLING you had a fascinating article about John Tolos' match with The Sheik. You made it sound like Tolos was a big loser. I was there and John gave Sheik a whippin' he'll never forget. Stop defending The Sheik!

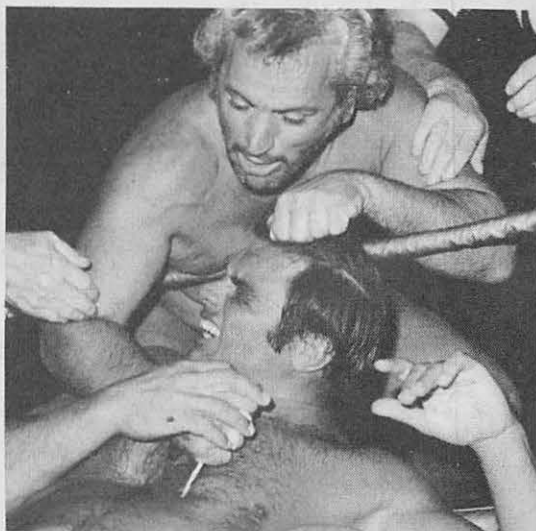
JOSEPH GARDIERO  
Los Angeles, California

## RATE OUR RASSLERS!

I'd like to compliment you for publishing two terrific wrestling magazines. All the stories are always interesting to read. In both your magazines you list very accurate ratings for the three largest wrestling organizations—W.W.W.F., N.W.A. and A.W.A. Now there is a fourth organization I feel you should rate—the N.W.F., National Wrestling Federation. They have such talent as Abdullah The Butcher, Johnny Powers and The Fargo Brothers. How about giving them the recognition they deserve!

DAVID R. GILLEN  
Buffalo, New York

**Editor's note:** We think you'll be pleasantly surprised when you take a look at this month's ratings.



*The Sheik and John Tolos battle in their memorable series of matches. But who really gave it to whom?*

**The N.W.F. as well as two other wrestling organizations are included.**

## GET SMART!

If you want a better magazine wise up and give us more articles about John Tolos, Mil Mascaras, Black Gordman and The Great Goliath. Why don't you have articles on these great stars. They make wrestling the great sport it is!

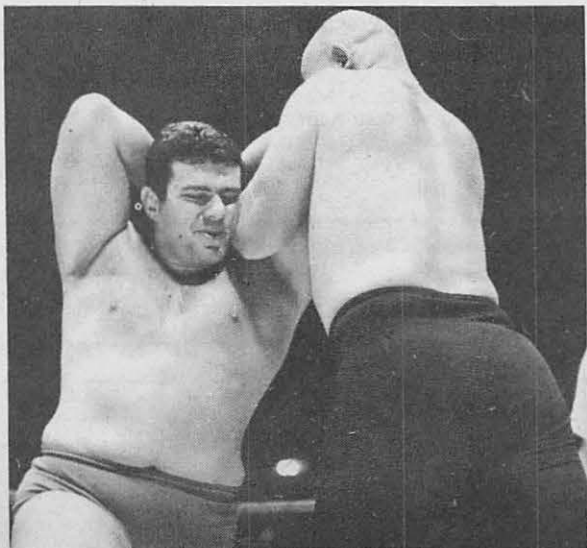
GEORGE J. HENDERSON JR.  
Arcadia, California

## THE SUPER GREEK

I have been reading your magazines for quite a while now and have yet to see Spiros Arion mentioned. I agree that the people you mention often, Bruno Sammartino, Pedro Morales and Mil Mascaras are great wrestlers, but don't you think Spiros, the Australian champion, deserves a spot in the Top Ten? He's the most popular wrestler in Australia!

D. WILSON  
Port Melbourne, Australia  
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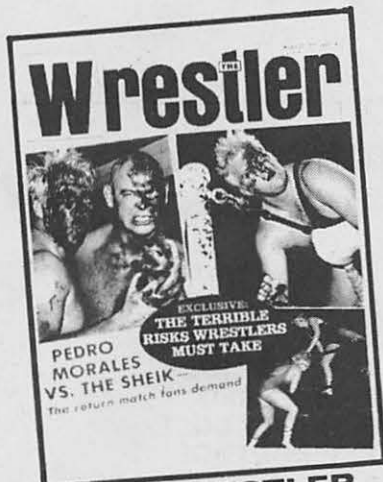
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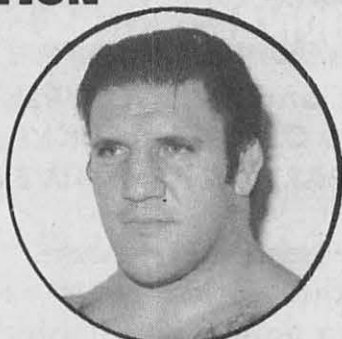
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Because of the rise of new wrestling alliances and federations we are changing the format of our wrestling ratings. We will continue to list the top 10 wrestlers in the N.W.A., A.W.A. and W.W.W.F., as well as the women and midgets, but we are also adding ratings of three other federations, the World Wrestling Association, the Grand Prix Wrestling Association and the National Wrestling Federation. Wrestlers who appear in more than one territory will be rated within the association area in which they most often wrestle. Ratings are based upon performance in matches within the particular alliance in which the wrestler is listed. We hope you like the expanded rating system and are anxious to hear your comments.—THE EDITORS.

## WORLD WIDE WRESTLING FEDERATION

- 1—PEDRO MORALES
- 2—BRUNO SAMMARTINO
- 3—BUDDY WOLFF
- 4—CHIEF STRONGBOW
- 5—THE SPOILER
- 6—GEORGE STEELE
- 7—SONNY KING
- 8—PROFESSOR TANAKA
- 9—MR. FUGI
- 10—EL OLYMPICO



BRUNO SAMMARTINO

## NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE

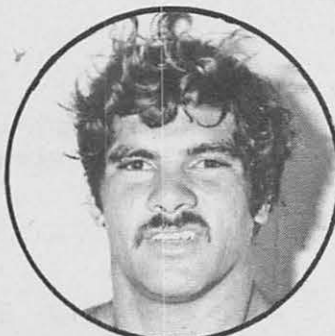
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- 2—PAUL JONES
- 3—JACK BRISCO
- 4—BOBO BRAZIL
- 5—THE SHEIK
- 6—BUDDY COLT
- 7—ERNIE LADD
- 8—JOHN TOLOS
- 9—GENE KINISKI
- 10—PAMPERO FIRPO



BUDDY COLT

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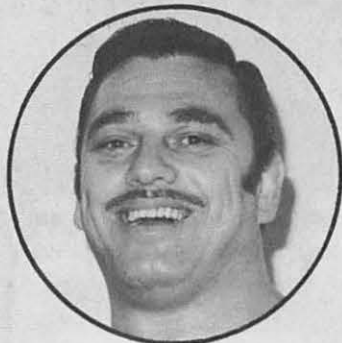
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- 3—IVAN KOLOFF
- 4—WAHOO MCDANIEL
- 5—DUSTY RHODES
- 6—LARRY HENNIG
- 7—DON MURACO
- 8—RENE GOULET
- 9—RAMON TORRES
- 10—THE BIG K



DON MURACO



## TAG TEAMS



RUBEN JUAREZ

- 1-THE KANGAROOS
- 2-STOMPER & BEN JUSTICE
- 3-PROFESSOR TANAKA & MR. FUGI
- 4-THE FARGO BROTHERS
- 5-SONNY KING AND CHIEF STRONGBOW
- 6-RAUL MATA & RUBEN JUAREZ
- 7-THE BLACKJACKS
- 8-NICK BOCKWINKLE & RAY STEVENS
- 9-DUSTY RHODES & LARRY HENNIG
- 10-RIP HAWK & SWEDE HANSON



RAUL MATA

## NATIONAL WRESTLING FEDERATION

- 1-ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER
- 2-JOHNNY VALENTINE
- 3-JOHNNY POWERS
- 4-ERNIE LADD
- 5-WALDO VON ERICH



JOHNNY POWERS

## WOMEN

- 1-FABULOUS MOOLAH
- 2-VIVIAN VACHON
- 3-VICKI WILLIAMS
- 4-JOYCE BECKER
- 5-ANN CASEY
- 6-SUSAN GREEN
- 7-MARIA LAVERNE
- 8-TONI ROSE
- 9-DEBBIE JOHNSON
- 10-PEGGY PATTERSON



SUSAN GREEN

## GRAND PRIX WRESTLING ALLIANCE

- 1-MAD DOG VACHON
- 2-EDOUARD CARPENTIER
- 3-DON LEO JONATHAN
- 4-JOHN FERRE
- 5-JACQUES ROUGEAU



JACQUES ROUGEAU

## MIDGETS

- 1-LITTLE BEAVER
- 2-SKY LOW LOW
- 3-WEE WILLIE WILSON
- 4-LORD LITTLEBROOK
- 5-FARMER JEROME
- 6-FRENCHY LAMONT
- 7-LITTLE BRUISER
- 8-HAITI KID
- 9-LITTLE BRUTUS
- 10-BILLY THE KID



LITTLE BRUISER

## WORLD WRESTLING ASSOCIATION

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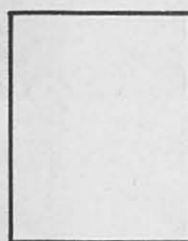
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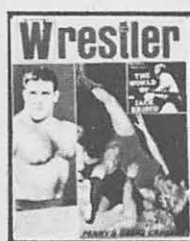
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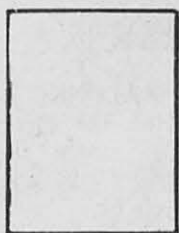
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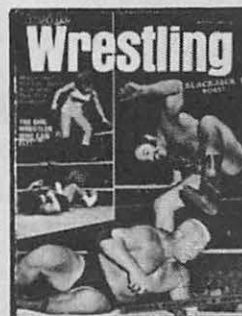
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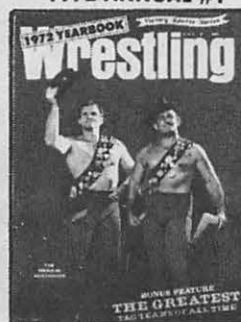
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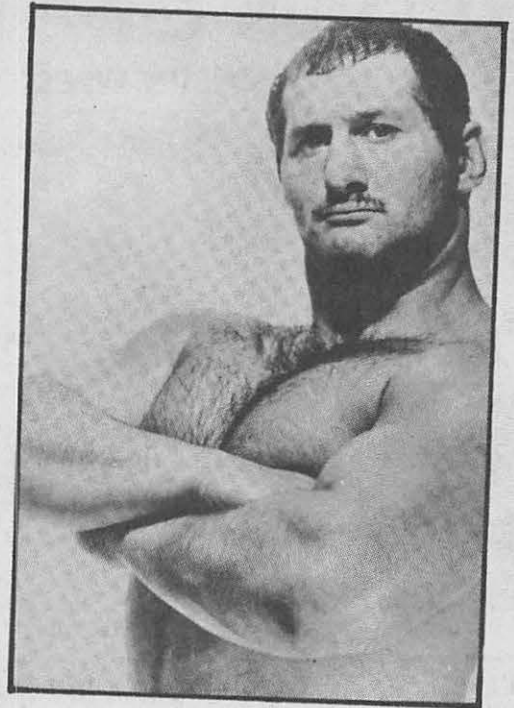
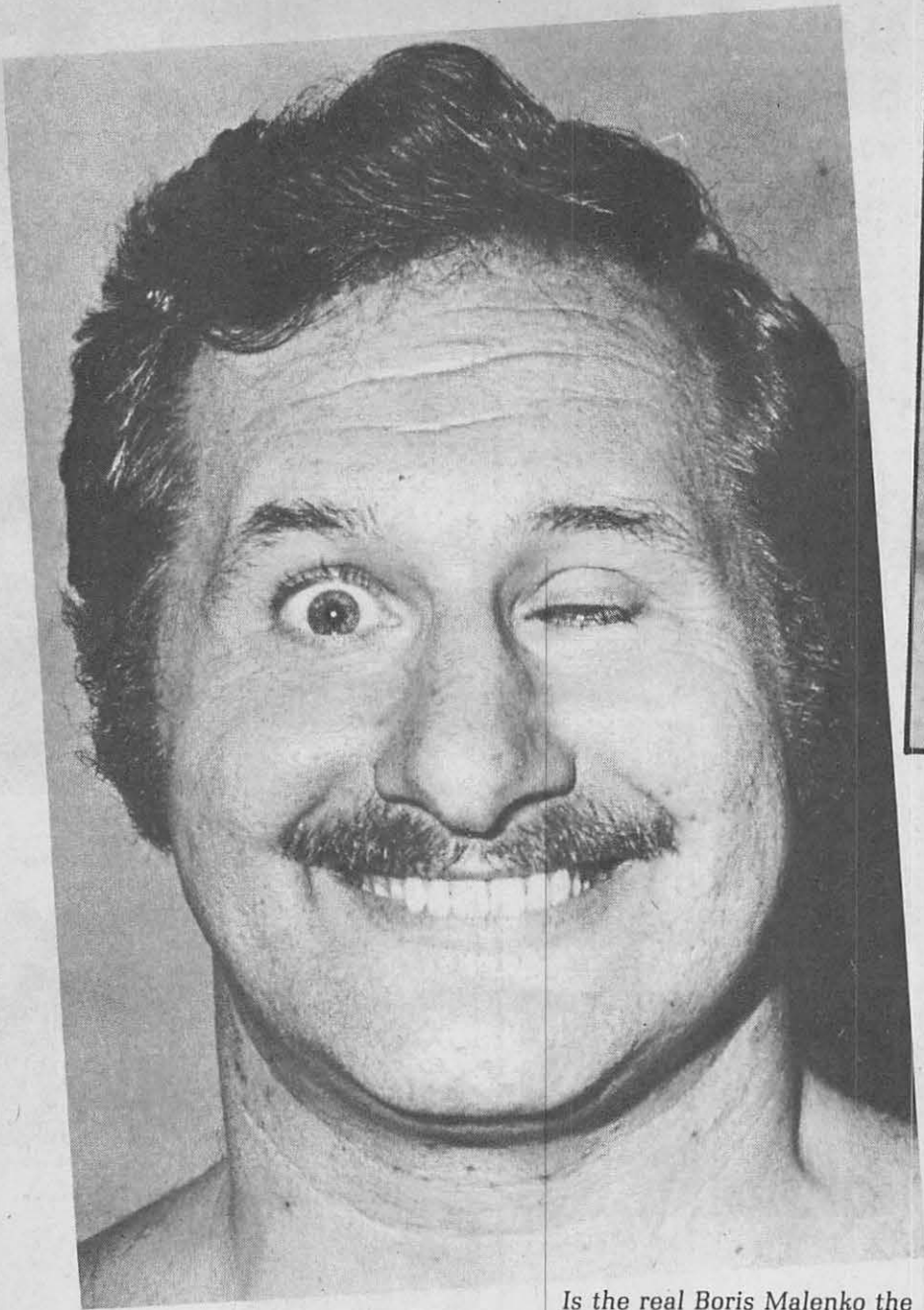
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## HAS BORIS MALENKO

*Is the real Boris Malenko the smiling, winking, friendly fellow (above) he says he is? Or is he the same sneaky guy (above right) he always was?*

**B**ORIS MALENKO is not a good guy. He's the dirtiest wrestler in the world!"

Who said that? Was it Paul Jones or Buddy Colt?

"I said it," admitted Malenko. "And I *mean* what I said."

This seemed very strange coming from the man millions of Florida fans now idolize. True, they once hated the Russian professor, but recently they've taken to him with open arms.

During an exclusive interview with Malenko, who prefers to be called by his full name, Boris Maxmillianovich Malenko, he revealed why he doesn't consider himself a clean wrestler.

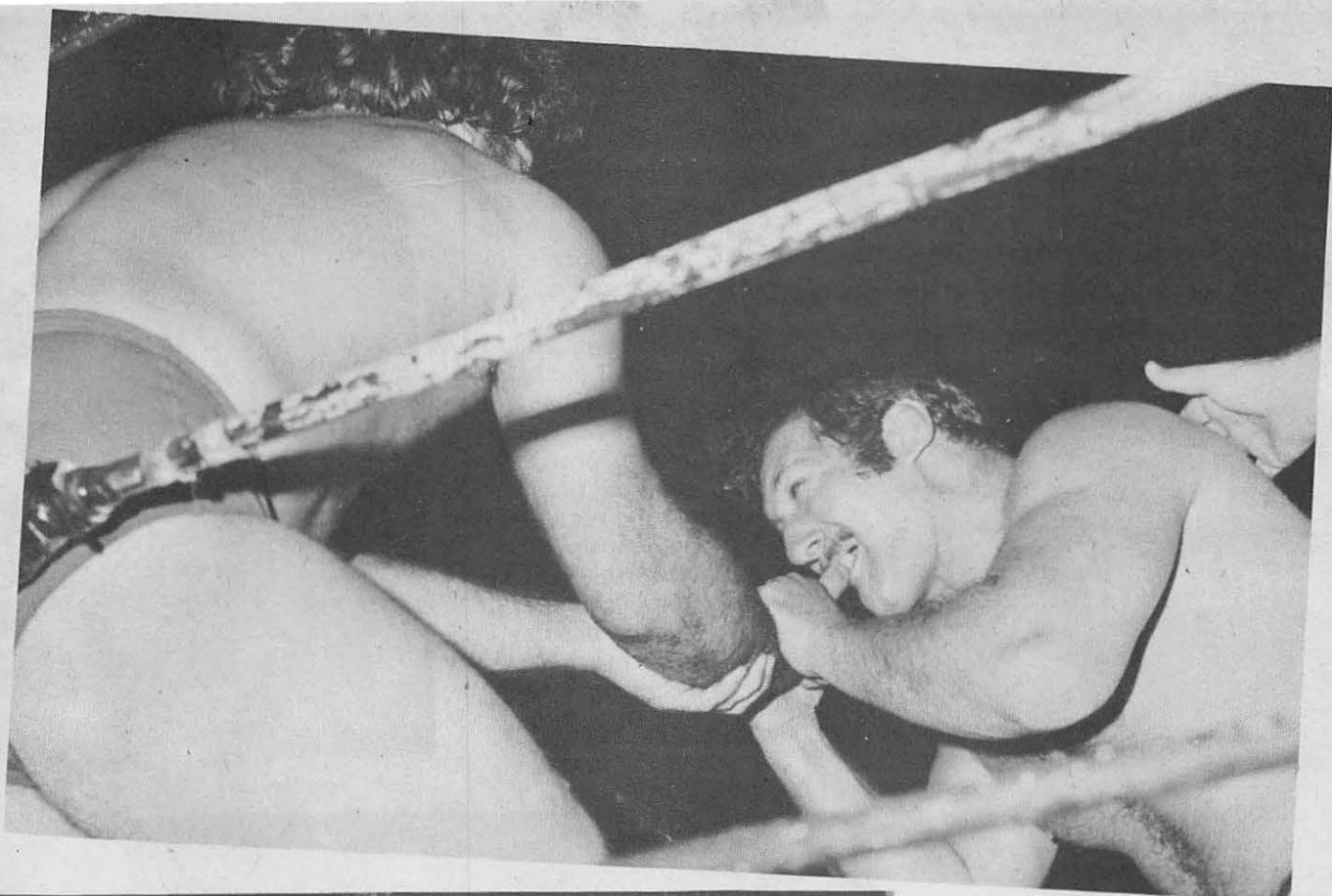
"My style has never changed, my opponents have," the professor explained. "Let me illustrate what I

# REALLY

## CHANGED?

**Boris Malenko has been hated. Boris Malenko has been adored. And Boris Malenko claims he doesn't give a damn which way fans feel**





*Boris says his style hasn't changed, so that means illegal moves such as biting (above), as well as legal ones (below) such as this facelock he's applying to the notorious Paul Jones.*

like Paul Jones, Bob Orton and Taurus. Jack The Ripper would be cheered if he went against them!"

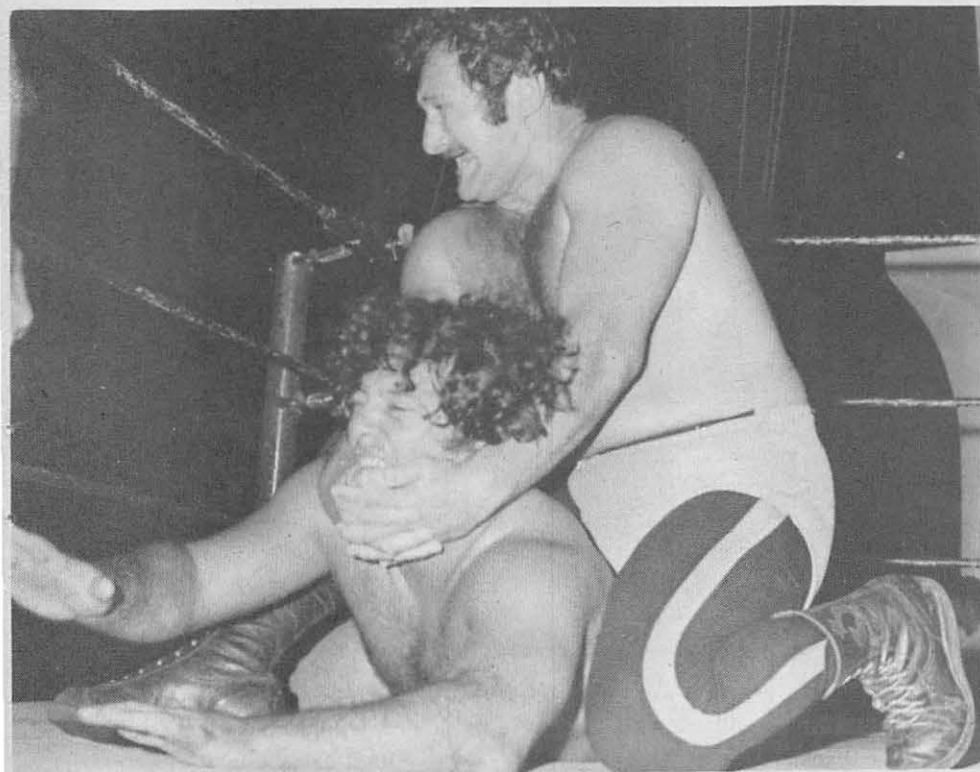
Professor Malenko likes to compare his situation with Fred Blassie's.

"In California Blassie was really hated. The Mexican fans would have killed him if they got their hands on him. But then Freddie had an opportunity to team with Mil Mascaras just so he could get at Goliath and Gordman—who he hates so very much. The fans loved him from then on.

"Now, a few months later, Blassie goes to New York to wrestle Pedro Morales. What happened? He's booed to no end! It's all up to the circumstances whether you're cheered or jeered."

Now that he's used to the cheering—what happens when it stops?

"Absolutely nothing," Malenko stressed. "I don't wrestle to please the fans. I wrestle to win. I was booed just last week in Amarillo, Texas. They signed me to wrestle Terry Funk, a hometown boy. When I got in the ring I was hit with tomatoes



mean.

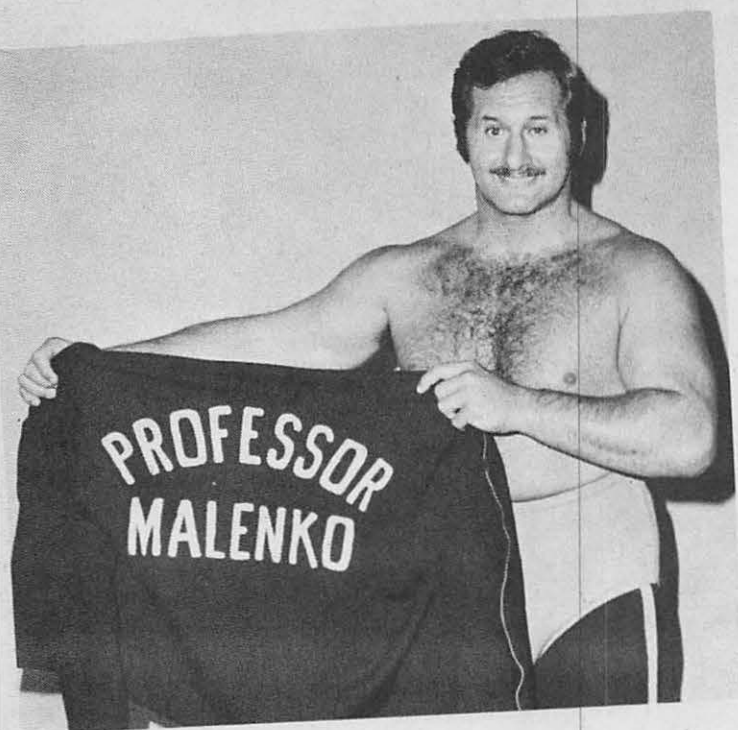
"A few months ago I was wrestling guys like Jack Brisco, Eddie Graham and Bob Roop. The fans loved these men and hated anybody who would get into the ring with them, including me.

"After some time I had the opportunity to team up with Brisco to get at a couple of wrestlers I really dis-

liked, Bobby Shane and Bearcat Wright. When I was on Brisco's team I was cheered.

"The following night I wrestled Roop and they booed the hell out of me.

"What I'm driving at is this. If they put me against Brisco tomorrow, the fans would boo me again. But now they only match me against guys



Malenko (left) does not want anyone to forget that he's a professor—so his jacket reminds the fans. He maintains a professorship in sociology and in physical education. Boris is equally proud of his brass knucks championship belt (right) which he says proves he is not all brains and no brawn. "One without the other is worthless," Boris insists. Below: Bleeding Boris prepares to dive on Terry Funk during a chain match.



and cursed at. I wrestled my usual roughhouse style. I would have wrestled that way even if I was cheered."

Although Malenko says the fans are only on his side because of whom he's wrestling, he reveals that they would have come over to his side eventually for another reason.

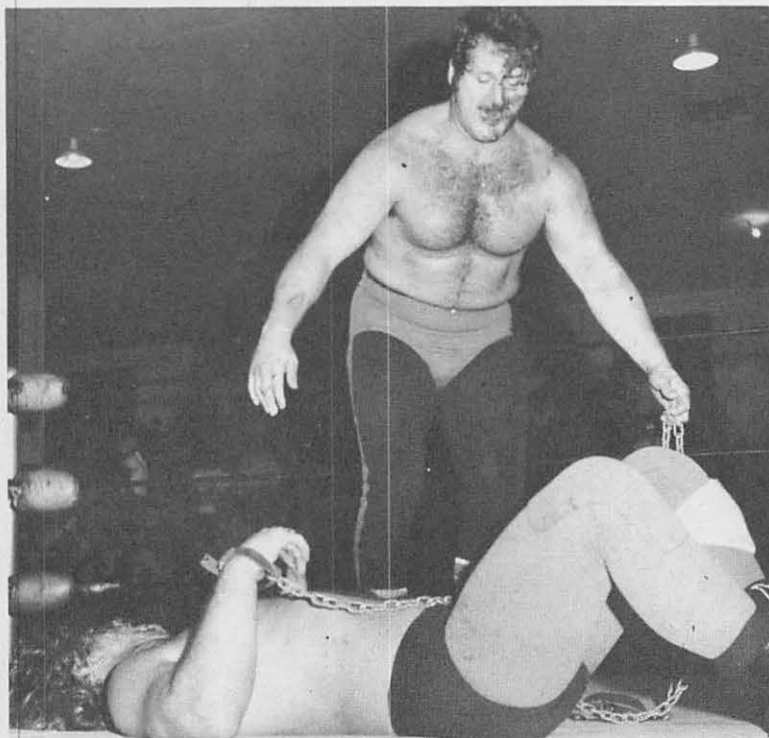
"You see for 12 years in and about the Florida area I have become a legend. When you stay in a place for such a length of time as I did, you become someone who the people learn to respect and look at with admiration. People know wrestling talent and the ability it takes to win matches. They see that I have both talent and that special ability. This is one of the other reasons they now admire me."

Not only talent and ability but *brains* have a lot to do with Boris' outlook.

"In Europe I graduated from college with a professorship in sociology and also in physical education. You must maintain a good head in order to maintain a good body. They run hand in hand you know."

Is it hard for the other wrestlers, who at one time would never sit in the same dressing room as Boris, to accept him now?

"It was difficult at first," Bob Roop told us. "When Boris came into the dressing room that Jack Brisco, Louie Tillet, Eddie Graham and I share, we figured he was coming in to stir up trouble. But as the days went on and he started to join us more often, we



saw that he was a pretty good guy. We even took him to dinner with us after awhile. In a way I'm glad he's more interested in wrestling guys like Jones and Orton. We kinda like him now."

"Those guys are suckers," Bob Orton laughed. "Ha! What dummies. Don't they know after Malenko finds out how they operate he'll come back to our side?"

How does Malenko feel about Orton's charge?

"That will *never* happen!" a vis-

ibly angry Malenko emphasized. "I have made new friends in Jack Brisco and Bob Roop. I would never turn my back on them. If we're matched somehow I still would prefer to remain friends with them no matter what happens in the ring."

Tarzan Tyler, once a good friend and tag team partner of Malenko's, views the Russian's situation this way.

"Boris got wise. He knew he couldn't beat any of the guys he sticks around with now. So what did





Boris (left) pounds Paul Jones much to the delight of the Florida fans who aren't too delighted with Jones' antics. Since Boris wrestles the same way he always did, fans feel they finally have a man who'll dish out the same kind of punishment to a man like Jones as Jones does. Below: Malenko smashes Jones' face with the palm of his hand. Boris, who has an open contract, will wrestle anyone promoters want.



he do? Like the old saying goes—if you can't beat 'em, join 'em. That's what he did. He sold out his old friends. He's a real skunk!"

Tyler's words didn't bother Malenko at all.

"Just consider the source," Boris remarked. "You can't argue with someone who's not mentally equipped."

Fans all over Florida seem to agree that Boris is their favorite.

"I'm crazy about him," one young lady commented. "He's got a cute

smile. I love when he winks at me."

Another fan had a more serious view of Malenko.

"It's about time we got someone around here who could give the rule breakers a taste of their own medicine. Boris gives it to 'em twice as bad as they dish it out. We're glad he's wrestling the guys we hate."

There was one rooter who didn't compliment Malenko at all.

"I hate him like this," he said. "I used to love to see Brisco and guys like him get the hell beat out of them.

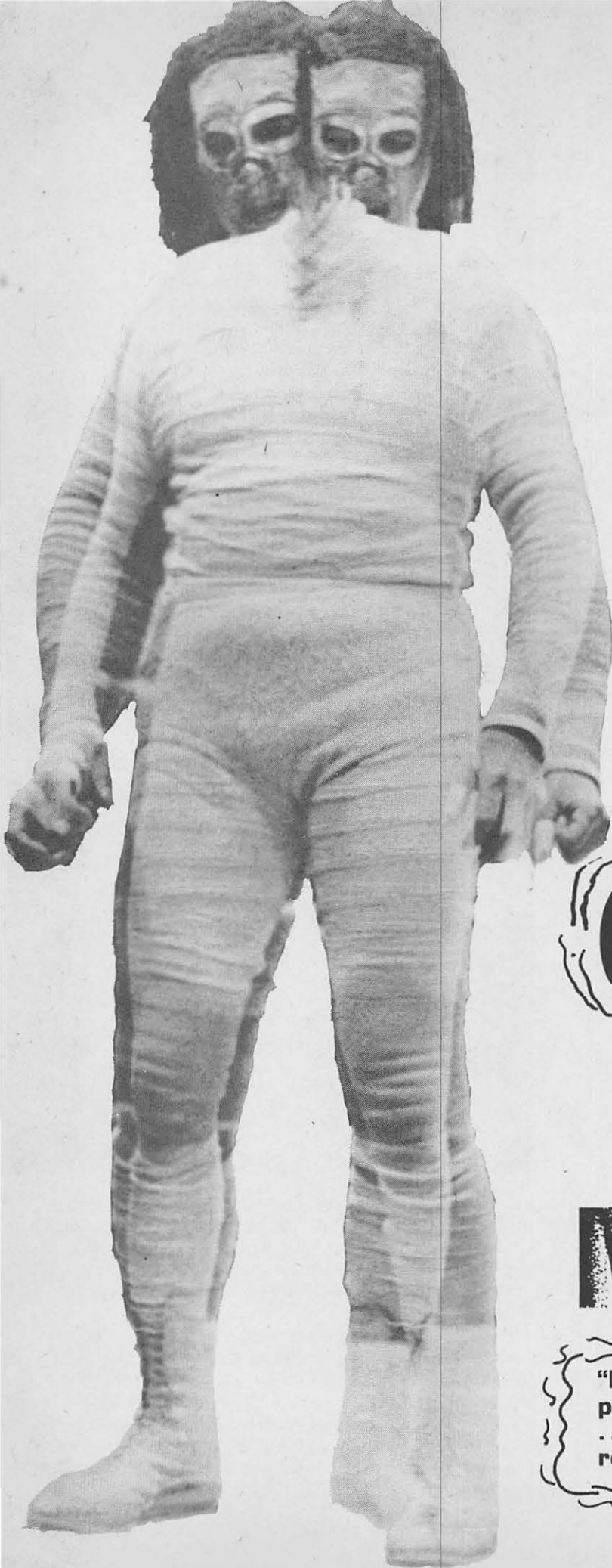
The only one who could do it was Malenko. I hope he doesn't get soft like the company he's keeping. It'll be a waste of talent."

Boris Malenko really doesn't care who he wrestles.

"It's my profession and I'll wrestle whomever the promoters want me to," Boris said. "I have an open contract. I'll never turn down a match."

Professor Boris Maxmillianovich Malenko insists he's not a good guy.

But most fans remain unconvinced.



**C**AN A MAN come back from the dead? That's a question scientists have been pondering for years. Are there really such things as ghosts? How do you explain haunted houses?

Although there are hundreds of unexplained cases involving so-called "psychic phenomena" the overwhelming majority of people refuses to believe in such things as ghosts. In fact, there is not one member of the staff of this magazine who admits a belief in ghosts. Yet we recently received a story and pictures which we could not explain. We aren't saying it's true. But we aren't saying it isn't. That's for you to decide.

The story begins about a year

# IS THIS THE GHOST OF THE MUMMY?

"It's the scariest thing that ever happened to me," said Mike Hull. "I mean ... how can you hurt a man who's already dead!???"



ago when we ran an article about the most mysterious man in wrestling—the Mummy. According to people who knew him, he believes he is the reincarnation of the son of one of the pharaohs of Egypt. He recently announced plans to return to Egypt. But he never got there. According to information we received, the Mummy was killed in a fire that swept the old shack in

which he lived. Records in the N.W.A. office list him as “deceased.” So it was quite a shock when Tony Lanza, our photographer in Montreal, told us about a new wrestler in that area calling himself “the Mummy.” Actually, Tony was more precise. He claimed this was “the ghost of the Mummy!”

“I know you won’t believe any of this and I don’t blame you be-

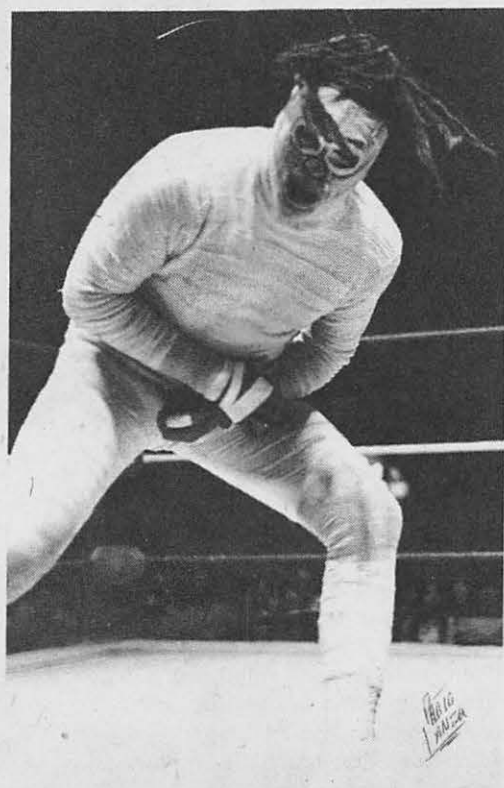
cause I don’t believe it myself,” Lanza wrote, “but I saw it with my own eyes and I can’t explain it.”

Tony went on to describe how the Mummy, during a match against youngster Mike Hull, actually did something to himself which prevented Hull from grabbing him. But Mike can explain it better than anyone else.

“I’d never seen this guy before,” he said, “and I didn’t know he was supposedly dead. I found that out later. We started wrestling and all that struck me as odd—despite his appearance, of course—was that he smelled terrible. He smelled old and musty. And when I’d grab him you could actually see the dust flying off his body.

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The mysterious Mummy clamps a chinlock on Mike Hull and the dust of thousands of years flies off the Mummy’s bandages. Hall noted that the Mummy smelled terrible. “He smelled old and musty and when I grabbed him you could see the dust fly off his body.” But that wasn’t what scared Mike.



The Mummy (left) is doubled over in pain after Mike Hull gave him a fist in the stomach. “Sometimes you can hit him and you connect,” said Mike, “but other times you’re just swinging at air.” Right: The Mummy seems real enough here as Mike can’t get out of this stranglehold. “I never believed in ghosts before,” says Mike, “but now I’m not too sure.”



Dr. Edwin Campbell (wearing tie, below) receives a "humanitarian award" from Izzy Zerling. Izzy also serves as a ring announcer and a referee.



# THIS "SCHOOL FOR WRESTLERS" IS A VERY SPECIAL

**T**HE LOWER EAST side of New York City is not a pretty place. It consists mainly of shoddy tenement buildings that were already old when immigrants lived in them in the early 1900's.

Junkies roam the streets and hallways at will. Rats are everywhere. Knifings and shootings are such commonplace experiences they don't even make the newspapers.

Many girls find themselves pregnant before their 14th birthday. Youngsters are already hooked on hard drugs by the time they turn 12 years old. Garbage lies all over the streets and many of the people live in such poverty that if the neighborhood was located in India instead of New York it would be receiving care packages, federal aid and Peace Corps volunteers by the hundreds.

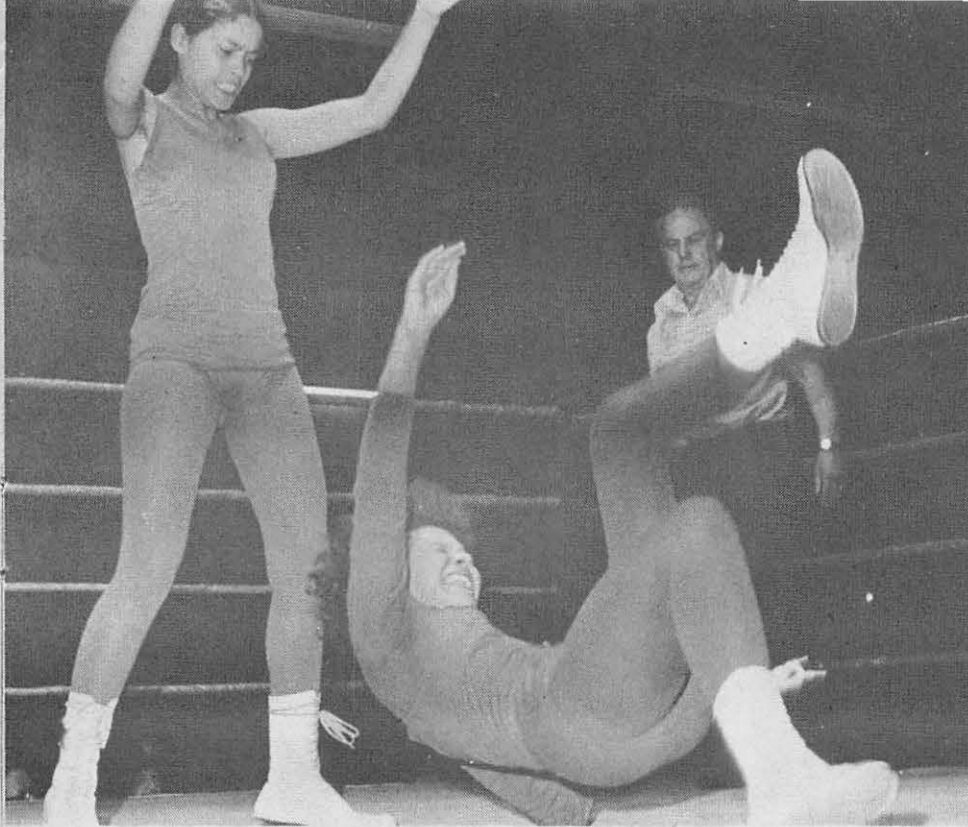
The only time anything ever gets done is when Election Day rolls around and the politicians flock to the area to lie to the people and promise them things they know they'll never deliver.

In the middle of all this is a white-haired man named Izzy Zerling. Zerling owns a sporting goods store in the middle of this neighborhood—an area many other merchants fled

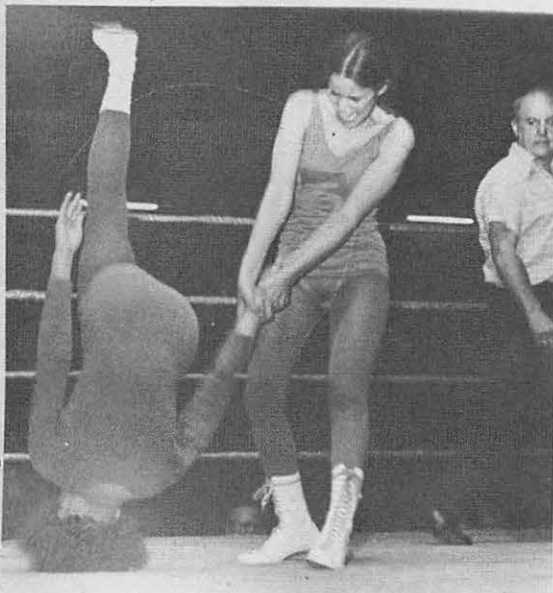


Although they're only 15 years old the "Star Girls" are an exciting tag team and could well be the first of the school's graduates to enter the professional mat ranks.





Star Girl #1 sends the Moon Girl crashing to the mat (above) by flipping her over her shoulders. Moon Girl (right) is also one of the school's top prospects. Left: Acrobatic Moon Girl is on her head as she backflips out of a reverse armlock by Star Girl #1.



# PLACE

years ago. He saw the neighborhood turn into a cesspool.

The physical decay of the area has been a problem for a long time. But it wasn't the run-down buildings that bothered Zerling. It was the children.

"I saw children taking drugs before they knew how to read," Izzy recalls, "and every night I'd go home and I'd want to cry. Nobody seemed

to care about them. They weren't even 18 yet and many of them had been thrown out into the street to sink or swim. They had little education. Most of them were doomed from the day they were born."

When you live in New York you can watch a 12-year-old shoot heroin into his veins in a hallway or watch 14-year-old girls try to slash each other to death with knives during a

gang fight. You get used to sights like that.

But Izzy Zerling couldn't get used to it. He couldn't stand the thought of children killing themselves before they even knew what life was all about. He had to do something.

What he did was establish the Izzy Zerling Recreation Center. Not a rich man, Izzy scraped together nick-

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**R**ENE GOULET IS gone. You may have seen him in your local arena last night. But odds are he won't be there again for the next card.

Rene Goulet can't stay in one place for a long period of time. Sometimes he comes into cities, wrestles once, and is never seen again. Other times he may appear on a number of cards, get fans turned on by his spectacular flying antics, and then blow out at the height of his popularity. His nickname among fellow wrestlers, for reasons you'll soon discover, is "The Fugitive." Now you see him—now you don't. Is there something wrong with the good-looking Frenchman?

"Of course not," Goulet answered as he was cornered in an airport in Wisconsin before a flight to Missouri. "I'm not crazy. Let's just say I've got ants in my pants. I can't sit still or stay in one place. I love to travel. I never stop running around. You only live once and I want to see everything I can."

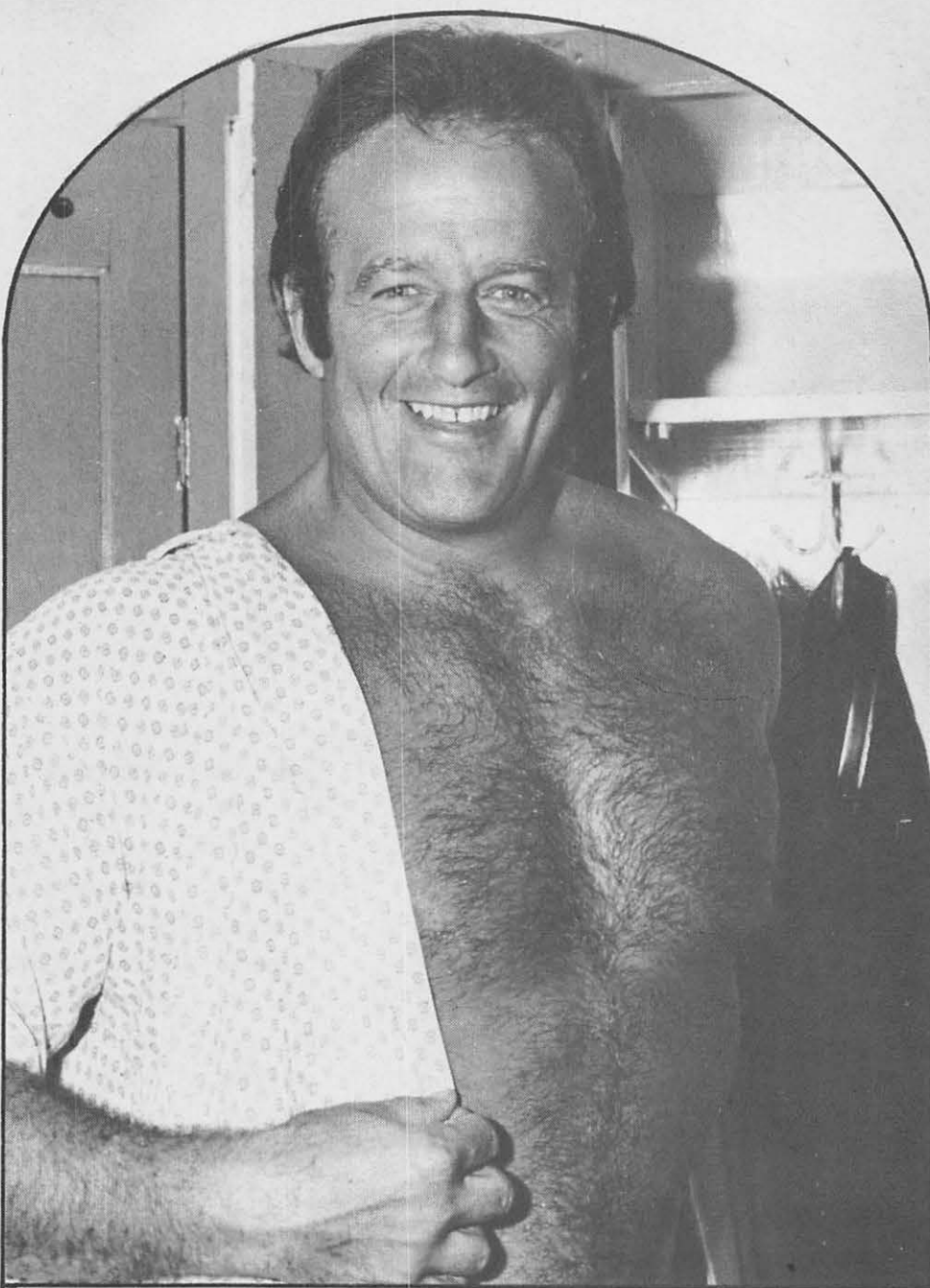
Presently, Rene is "passing through" the midwest, Canada and the eastern states. He's already

been through the south and all over Europe and Asia.

It seemed as if Rene was finally settling down when he remained in the New York-New Jersey-Pennsylvania-Massachusetts area for what was for him a long time. But

that was not the case.

"There was no way for me to leave," he explained with a laugh. "I was trapped by a belt. Well, it wasn't exactly my belt. It was a pair of belts—the World Wide Wrestling Federation tag team



Rene Goulet puts on a shirt after a rough match in Minneapolis. As soon as he was dressed he caught a cab to the airport to take the last flight to Montreal where he was wrestling the following night. Two nights later he was again back in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

# WHY THEY CALL RENE GOULET "THE FUGITIVE!"



championship belts Karl Gotch and I won from Tarzan Tyler and Luke Graham. As long as I held that belt I was obligated to defend it. Believe me, there were times I got the itch to travel real bad. But I owed a certain loyalty to Karl and

that came first. As soon as we lost the belts, or should I say as soon as the belts were *stolen* from us by King Curtis and Baron Sicluna, I got out of there fast.

"I felt badly about parting company with Karl because he's such a

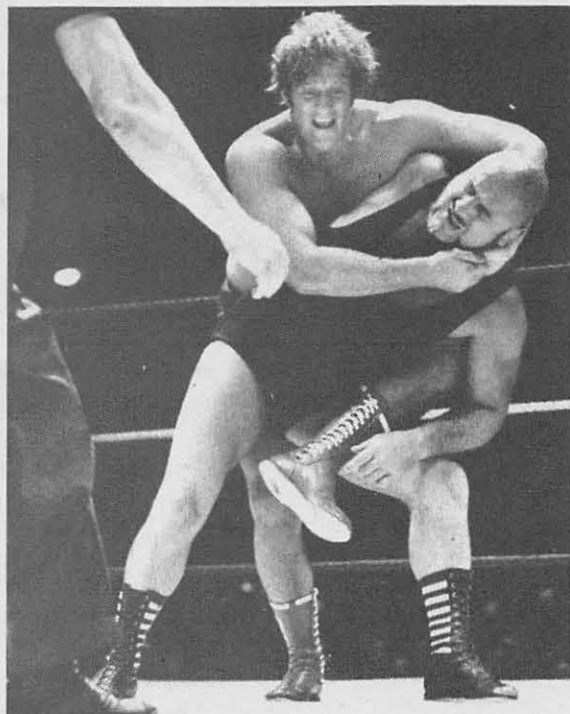
fine man. He was hoping I'd stay around so we could win the belts back. But I was running into a rut in the east. I needed a change. The only other time I was in a place as long as that was when I wrestled in Florida.

"Florida was great because of the weather. That's why I stayed so long. But the strong sun has obviously affected the people who live there. To put it mildly—they've all got sunstroke. I didn't get along with them too well and vice versa.

"The problem there is that the people are very loyal to their hometown boys, guys like Brisco, Eddie Graham and Tim Woods. And those were the guys I was being matched against. Whenever a newcomer comes into that territory to wrestle their hometown boys he always



Goulet (above) tries to make Jack Wilson submit with a facelock during a Minneapolis match. He did. Right: The next night he was doing the same thing to Mad Dog Vachon in Montreal.



Rene samples the cuisine in a Parisian cafe-style eatery in Minneapolis. One of his hobbies is traveling about the country sampling various kinds of regional cooking.

**"I saw myself as Richard Kimble, the role David Janssen played, and from time to time I like to pretend I'm a fugitive. I meet people in airports, restaurants, night clubs, on farms, anywhere, and I don't tell them I'm a wrestler." — Rene Goulet**



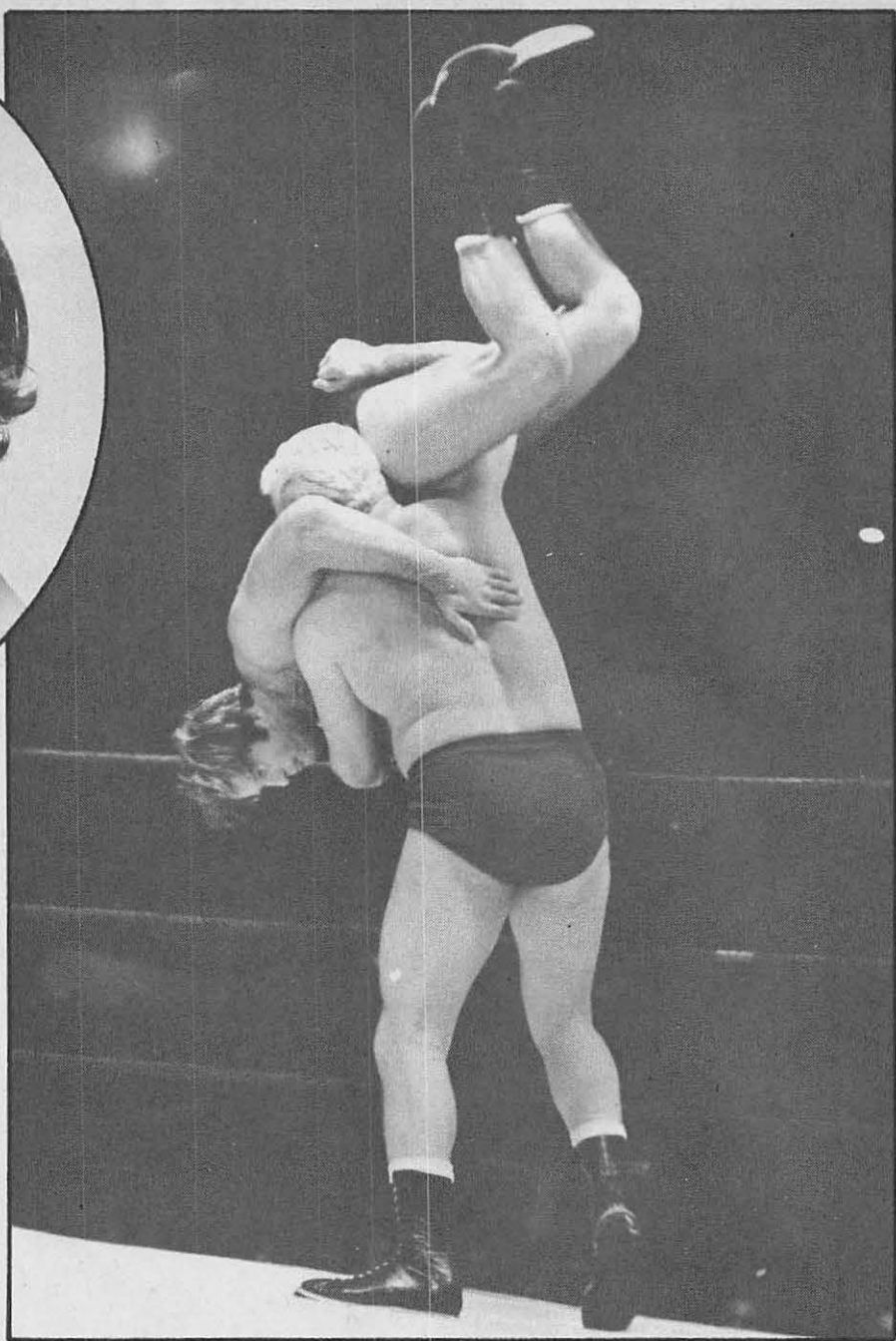
*"One of the reasons I like New York," says Rene, "is because it's a cosmopolitan city.*

meets a lot of hostility. Dory Funk Jr. told me the same thing happened to him. No wonder Brisco and Graham and the others never leave that place. It was a shame though, because I would have liked to have gotten along with the people down there."

A similar instance occurred when Rene arrived in Minnesota. "I was a new guy as far as they were concerned," he said, "fresh out here from New York and Montreal. In those places the people love me because they are cosmopolitan cities with no 'hometown boys.' They respect you for your ability—not for where you come from. Out here in the boondocks it's like Florida all over again.

"They stuck me in against Ramon Torres, a nice guy who's real popular out here. I was booed before these people even had the slightest idea of what my style was like. The fans don't seem to care for me too much and the feeling is becoming mutual. But I don't really mind. That's the great thing about traveling. You meet all kinds of people, good, bad and indifferent."

Rene's traveling sometimes results in amusing situations. One of the oddest happened in Montreal when a fan who'd been vacationing in New York returned to Montreal after seeing Rene wrestle in Madi-



*Harley Race sends Goulet to the canvas with a body slam during a bout in Chicago. Rene claims the reason he's loved in some places and is hated in others is because he's always matched against the hometown favorites in certain areas, notably Florida and the upper midwest.*

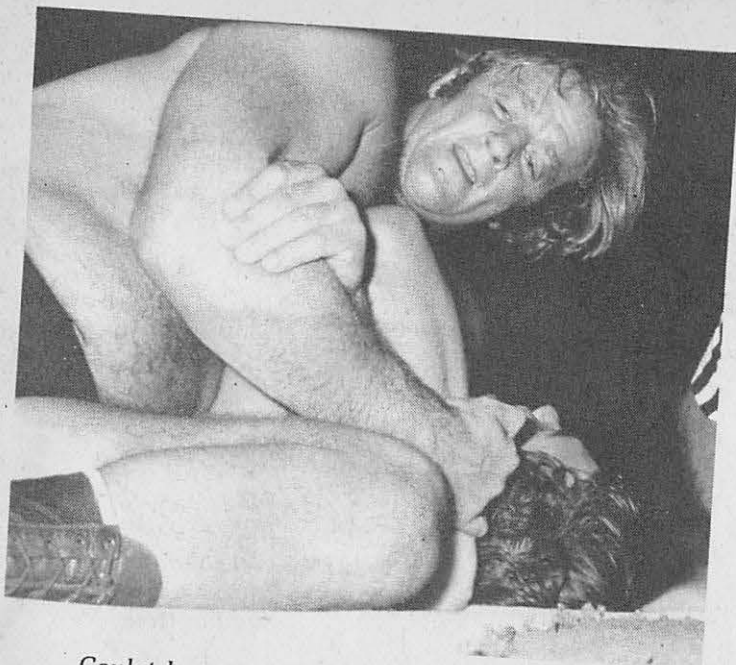
son Square Garden the previous night. When she saw him in the Forum she refused to believe it was the same guy. "I assured her I was," Rene recalls, "and I told her if she'd be in Boston the following night she'd see me there too."

There are other reasons for Rene's love for travel. One of them is food. "I love good gourmet food and I especially like what you'd call regional cooking. There are dishes you can get down south, for example, that you cannot get anywhere else. To really get good barbecued ribs you've got to go to Texas.

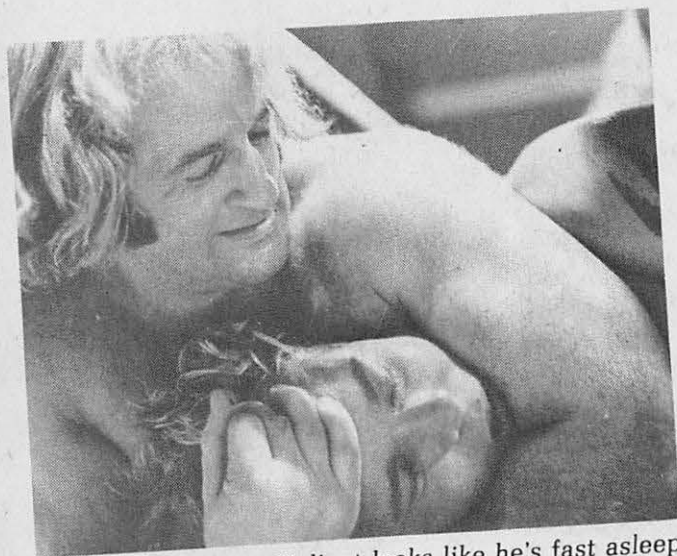
Fried chicken just isn't fried chicken unless it comes from the south. In New York you have your choice of restaurants serving food from every country on the face of the Earth. But you can't get a fresh vegetable. Everything's frozen or in cans. In the midwest you might have trouble finding a restaurant serving Pakistani food, for example, but you can get fresh vegetables.

"It's funny how each area differs. Montreal, of course, has outstanding French restaurants. So does New York. Take away New York and San Francisco and you





Goulet hammers Jerry Brisco during a 45-minute draw in Oklahoma City. Rene is always willing to face the toughest opponents in any area.



Handsome Jim Valiant looks like he's fast asleep as Rene puts the sleeper on him. "It's funny," Rene remarked, "they boo me in Oklahoma against Brisco and the next night they cheer in New York."

can't find a decent Chinese restaurant anywhere. New England is great for seafood. The midwest is sensational for steaks. You can't find good Mexican food east of Texas. So by traveling around I get to sample the best from all over."

Another reason for the traveling is one Rene has never revealed before.

"This is the first time I ever told this to anybody," he said, "but it's the honest truth. There used to be this TV program with David Janssen called 'The Fugitive.' He

was a guy running away from the law because he was wanted for something he didn't do. He traveled all over the country and met all sorts of people. Well that program really got to me. I loved it. I saw myself as Richard Kimble, the role Janssen played, and from time to time I like to pretend I'm a fugitive. I meet people in airports, restaurants, night clubs, on farms, anywhere, and I don't tell them I'm a wrestler.

"I tell them I'd like to stay overnight in return for doing odd jobs like Kimble did. I've chopped wood

Goulet stands with his arm around Karl Gotch after they won the W.W.W.F. tag team championship in New York. Rene remained there for quite awhile because he felt obligated to Gotch to defend their title.



on a farm in upstate New York, crewed on a yacht in Florida, worked as a waiter in Washington, harvested wheat in South Dakota and worked as a lifeguard on Cape Cod. It's a great way to meet people you might otherwise not get to meet. If they know you're a wrestler they act different. You're sort of a celebrity. If they think you're just another guy you learn what they're really like. And one thing I love about America is that there are so many different types of people in one country.

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# HEY BILLY...

# SOMEBOD

**T**HE FANS IN California may not want Billy Graham but the fans in New York sure do.

Graham, a rough and tumble character whose antics have alienated most west coast paying customers, is evidently wrestling in the wrong place. Since Billy wondered out loud in our "Fan Club Corner" about why west coast fans haven't started a single fan club for him, our New York office has been inundated with mail suggesting Billy come east where a "superstar" of his ability would be appreciated.

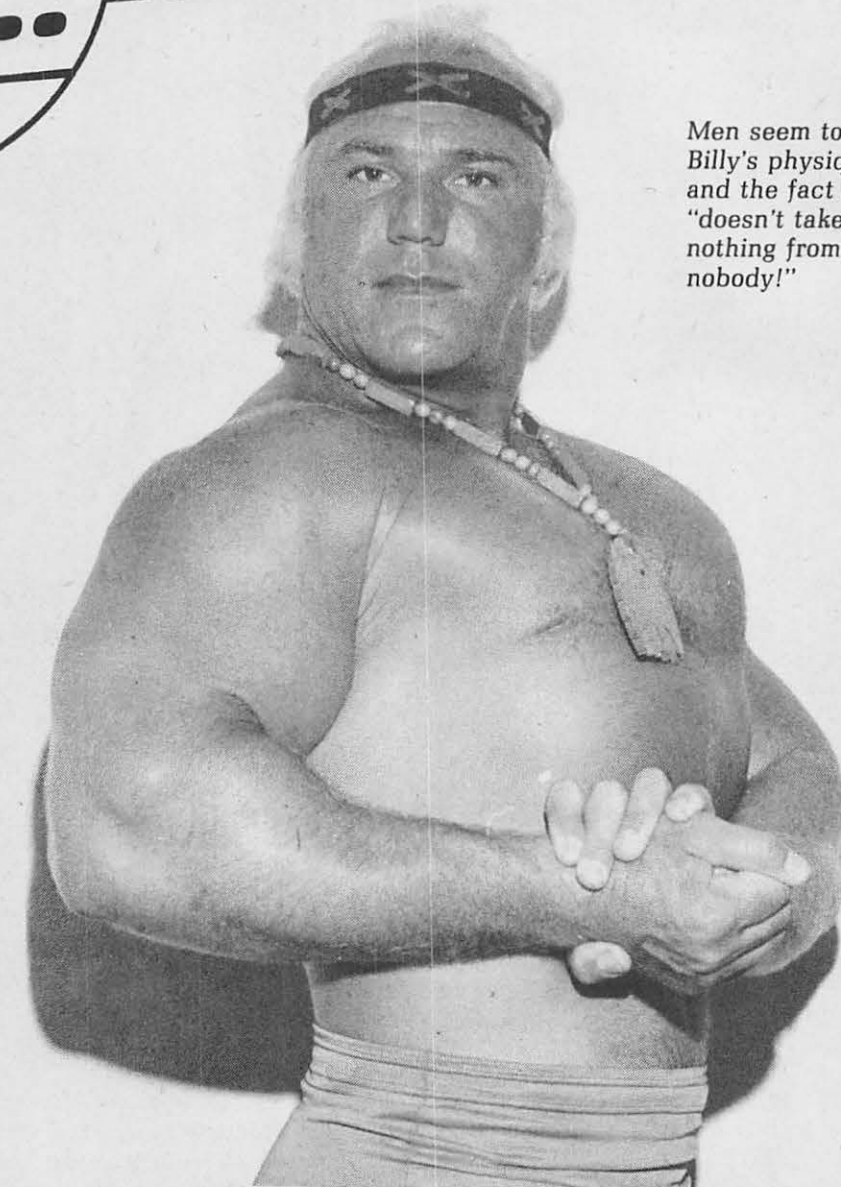
One letter came in the form of a petition with 27 signatures.

"Dear Sir: We the undersigned would like you to know that we think Superstar Billy Graham is the best wrestler in the United States! He has the best body, the most wrestling know-how and the greatest ring appeal of any wrestler we have ever seen. We would like to see him come to the New York area where he is bound to go to the top!"

Other letters expressed similar sentiments. A few suggested that we do a photo album layout on Billy "instead of that egotistical no-talent bum Jim Valiant." Another, from a group of girls, stated they'd love to start a fan club for Billy if he came east.

What is the seemingly mystical attraction New York fans have for Graham? It's divided. Among the women it's sex appeal. Our mail indicates that Billy has more sex appeal than any other wrestler by a wide margin.

Among the men, the voting seems to be split between appre-



*Men seem to like Billy's physique and the fact he "doesn't take anything from nobody!"*

ciation for Billy's physique and his style. "He's tough and doesn't take anything from nobody," one fan wrote. "He's the kind of man I'd like to be."

The amazing thing about Graham's popularity is that he's never appeared in New York in person. Other than reading about him in magazines, the only contact fans in the east have is from the matches at the Olympic Auditorium

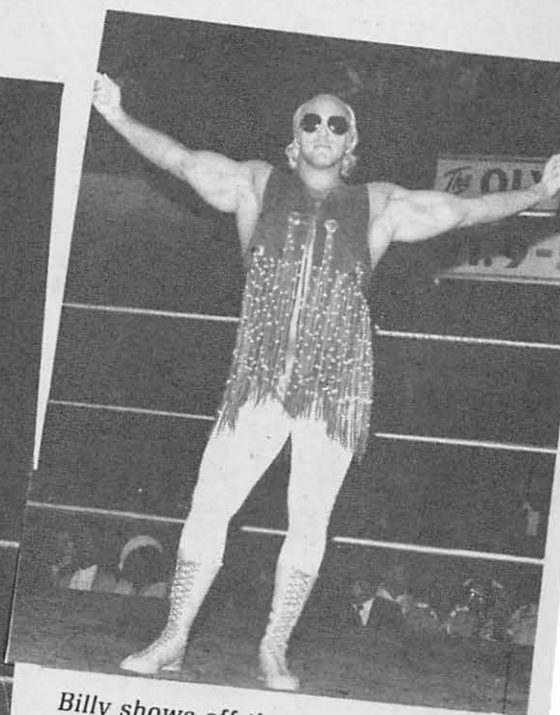
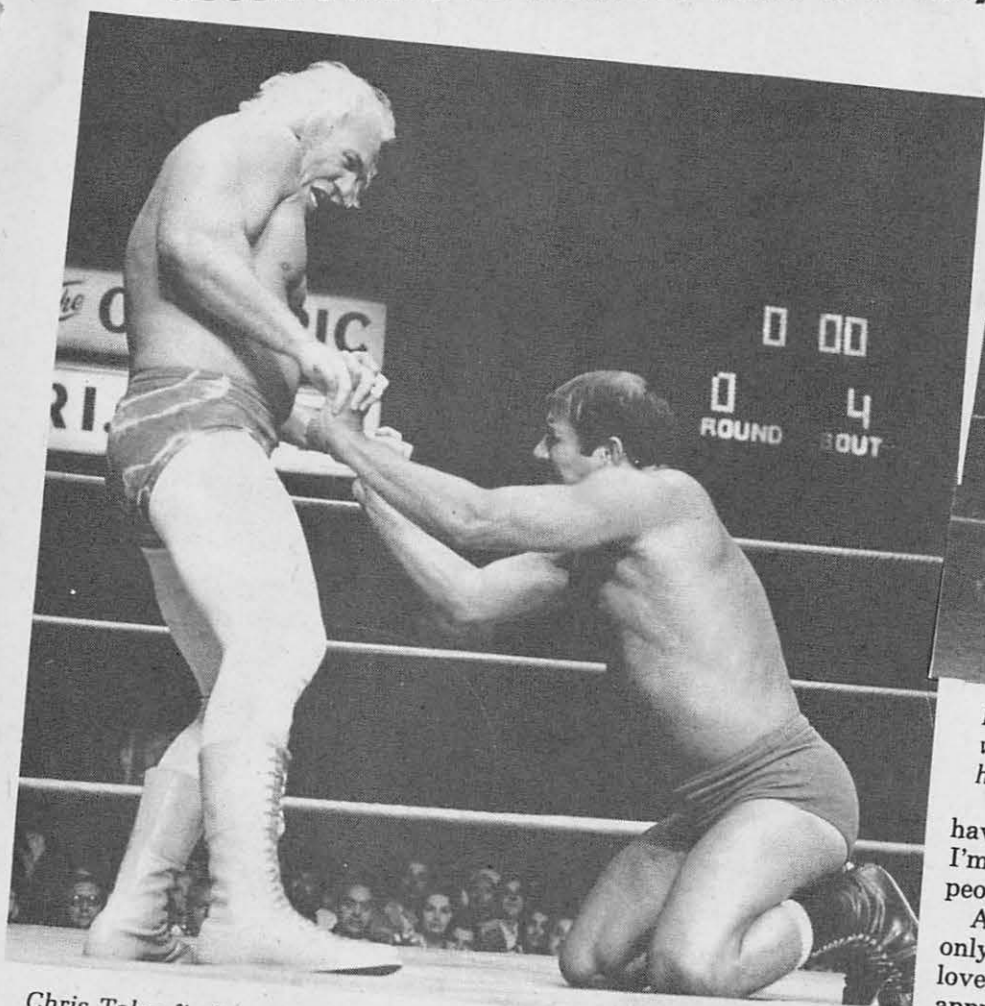
which are televised on a UHF station back east.

What does Billy himself think about the way eastern fans feel about him? "I'm very flattered," he said when told of the mail asking him to go east. "I always knew easterners had more class than the hicks out here. They appreciate talent. When I hear things like this it renews my confidence in my fellow man. If you stay out here you



# Y LOVES YOU!

There's an old song that goes something like this: "Somebody loves me I wonder who, I wonder who it could be." That could have been Billy Graham's theme song. But no more. Somebody does love Billy. And he doesn't have to wonder who it is any more!



Billy shows off the cool duds which eastern gals think makes him the sexiest star there is!

Chris Tolos finds out all about Billy's power as the Superstar brings Chris to his knees by bending his fingers backwards. Because of his appearances on TV Billy's become a popular wrestler all over the east.

get a warped view of everything. It's obvious California fans have a lot to learn about wrestling from the people in the east. They say New York sports fans are the most knowledgeable in the world. I guess it's true."

But does Billy plan to go to where he'd be appreciated?

"Now that I know how they feel about me I'm sure gonna try," he stated. "I'll be tied up with con-

tractual obligations for a while out here, but once I'm free I'm sure going to look into the situation in New York."

Graham's fight with California fans stems largely from the fact he thinks he's a "superstar" and they don't. In fact, in a story in our WRESTLING ANNUAL #3, "The Superstar Nobody Appreciates," Billy noted that "it's totally illogical that fans should dislike me. I

have what so many people want. I'm the kind of person so many people would like to be."

As far as Billy's concerned it's only logical New York fans should love him. "New York sports fans appreciate greatness even if the man plays for a non-New York team," he pointed out. "Stan Musial, a great baseball player for the Cardinals, used to wreck the Brooklyn Dodgers. Yet New York fans always treated him well because he was such a great player. They appreciate Bobby Orr the same way although he ruins the Rangers. That's class. That's why they like me."

So if he ever settles his score with John Tolos, don't be surprised if Billy Graham does go east. He's a man who wants to be appreciated. And eastern fans appreciate him already.

**It's a compliment to the Fabulous Moolah that almost all the speculation about who might be the future champion is done regarding the male champions, Dory Funk Jr., Verne Gagne and Pedro Morales. Moolah is so good most people don't even bother to speculate on a possible successor. But even Moolah can't last forever. And if she's ever beaten or decides to step down, her successor is likely to come from among the girls discussed in this article.**

# AFTER MOOLAH— WHO?

*A familiar sight, Fabulous Moolah stands in her victory pose. Will she ever be beaten? And if so—by whom?*

**T**HE FABULOUS MOOLAH can't remain the women's wrestling champion forever—can she?

Although it seems Moolah is indestructible, the day when the sensational gals' champion must step down will eventually be here. And because Moolah looks like she won't be beaten for a while yet, a new women's champion probably won't be crowned until she decides to step down.

Who's likely to be the next women's champion?

There are two candidates who seem to be favorites. Vivian Vachon, of course, is the most likely. A dynamic wrestler, Vivian has the size, speed and savvy needed for the rigorous schedule the women's champion must follow. She can be

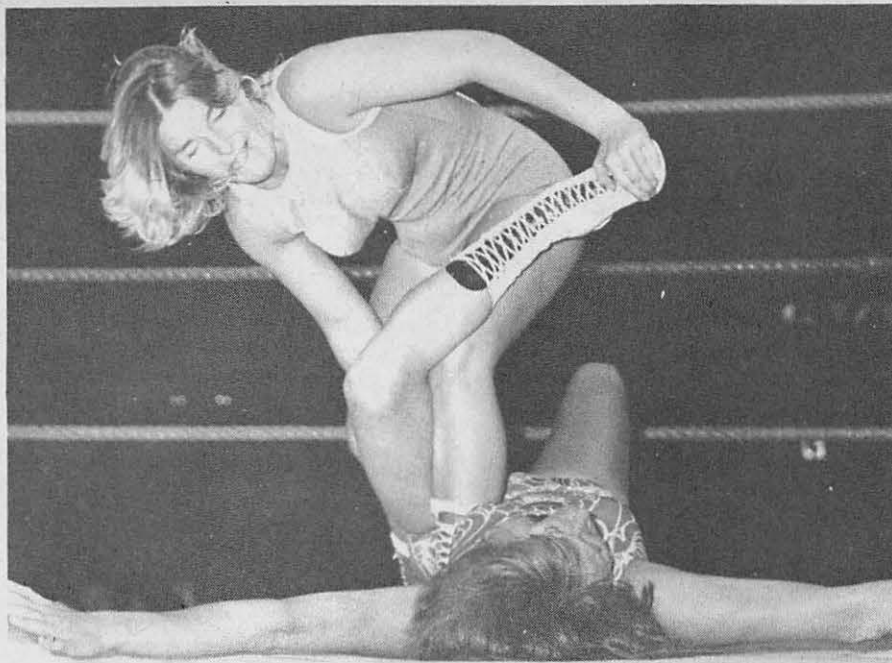


brutal when necessary yet is a master of scientific wrestling. Her best facet, however, is that she seems to have no flaws at all. In fact, if anybody upsets Moolah for the championship it's likely to be Vivian

Vachon.

The other top candidate is acrobatic Vicki Williams, whose situation parallels that of Jack Brisco. Vicki has wrestled to draws against Moolah and has nearly defeated her





Vivian Vachon, considered one of the top two contenders for Moolah's crown, stretches Kay Noble with a stepover toehold (above). Vivian has what it takes to be a champion. Below: The other top contender, Vicki Williams, tries a similar hold on Moolah. Vicki's beaten all the top contenders but can't seem to whip Moolah in a title match.



Toni Rose, Moolah's tag team partner, is one of the best. Her biggest fault is her tendency to get disqualified.

tricks Moolah has used to keep her where she's been for years. If Toni doesn't make it, it won't be because she hasn't got the ability. But can she control her temper?

Two of the sexiest and most beautiful of the top-rated stars are Ann Casey and Maria Laverne. But if either of them took the title it would be a surprise. Maria rarely leaves Texas and Ann is the same way regarding California. That would put their schedule in conflict with their expressed desire to stay near their home areas.

Maria, a relative newcomer among the top stars, may lack the experience needed to assume the championship at this stage. And Ann, while she has the know-how, has a similar temperament problem to Toni Rose. She takes nothing from nobody and often gets herself disqualified when she loses her Irish temper.

One of the hottest prospects is exciting Sue Green. Susan, a power-packed six-footer, is undoubtedly the star of the future. For a girl who has been wrestling only a short time she's developed a terrific repertoire of holds. Sue's undoubtedly the strongest of all the women grapplers and has surprising speed to go along with her strength.

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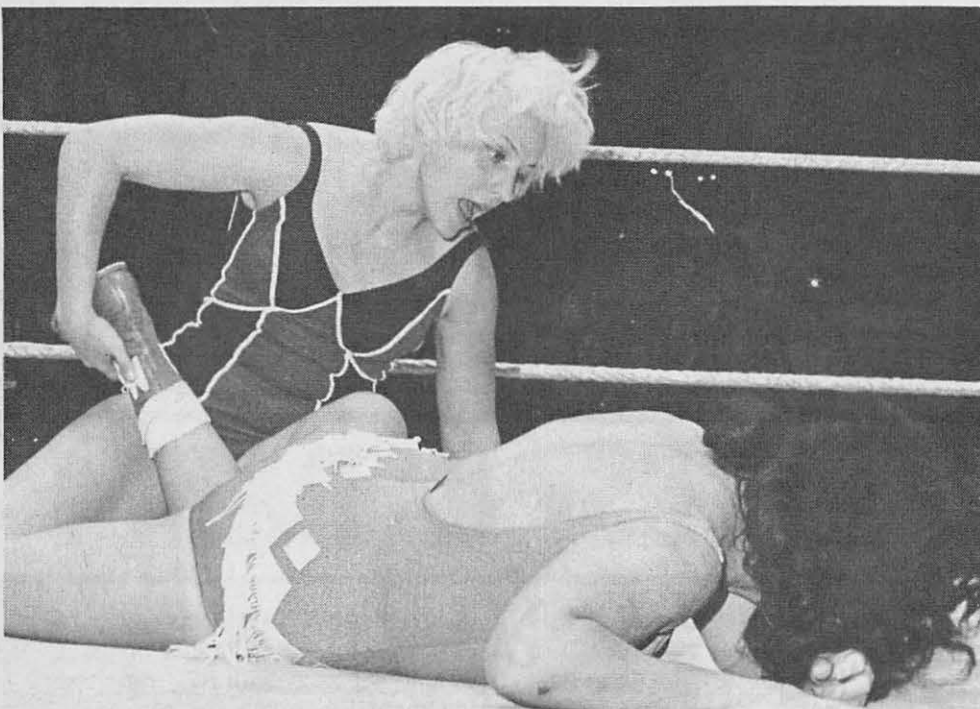
in title contests. But she just can't seem to put it all together against Moolah—just as Brisco has been unable to do against Dory Funk Jr.

Vicki would be a fantastic champion. She's got blazing speed and her acrobatic moves are nothing short of sensational. No other woman wrestler even approaches her dazzling dropkick, her best move. But Vicki is not as strong as Moolah or Vivian Vachon and might have trouble with the rigor-

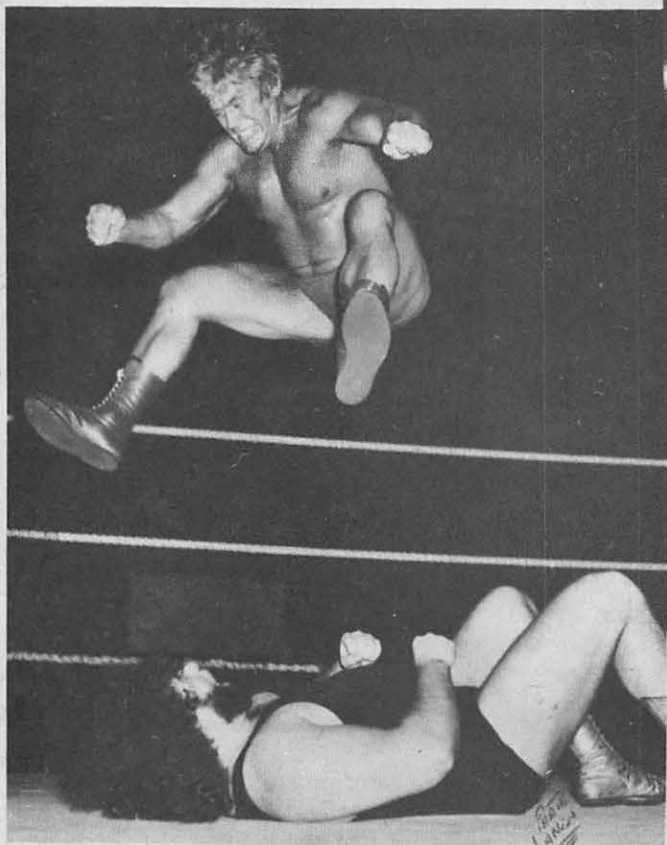
ous schedule.

Toni Rose is the next most logical candidate but Toni has one fault—a fault which has been plaguing her throughout her career. She's disqualified much too often. A brilliant wrestling tactician, Toni tends to lose her cool when the pressure's on and it usually costs her.

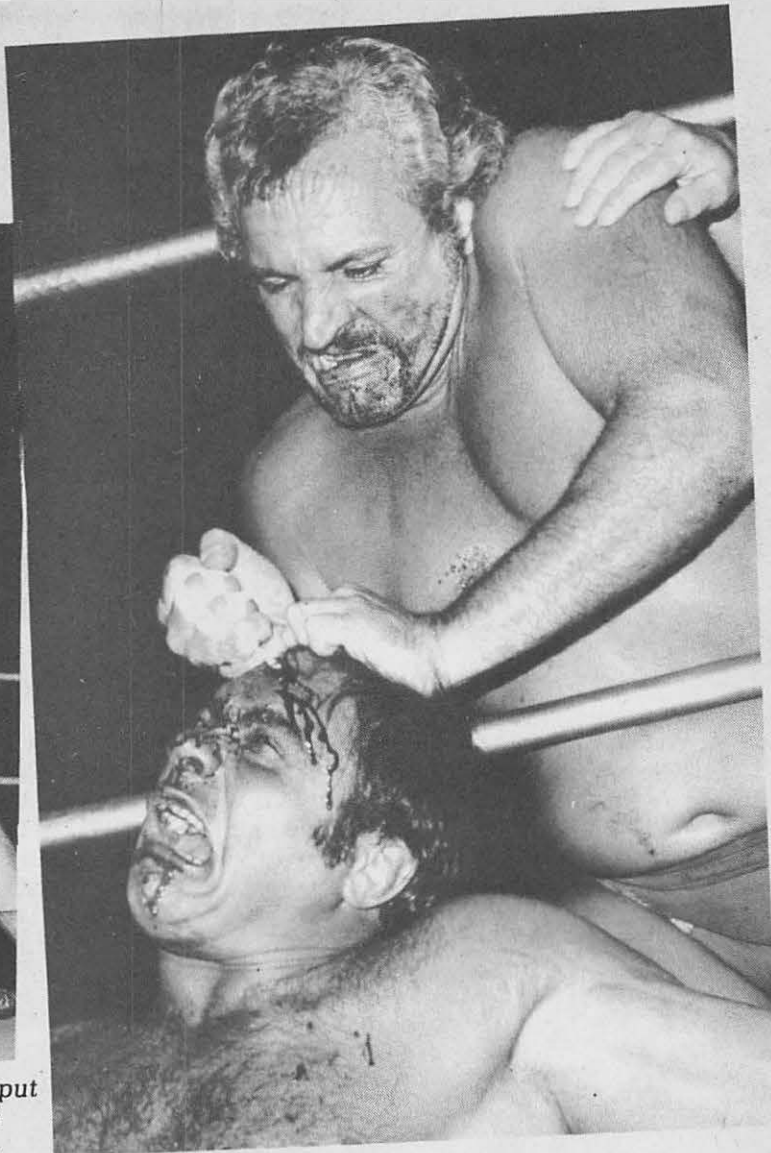
Toni, who with Moolah forms half of the women's world tag team championship, knows most of the



The Sheik has blood gushing from gashes on John Tolos' head as he carves him with a pencil. Use of a foreign object is grounds for immediate disqualification.



Edouard Carpentier comes flying off the top rope to put the finishing touches on Gilles Poisson. Many arenas have prohibited jumping off the top rope or ringpost.



## Our Special Investigation Reveals...

# NOBODY GIVES A DAMN

**The editors of INSIDE WRESTLING and THE WRESTLER have just completed analyzing the results of a three-month investigation of professional wrestling rules. This investigation, prompted by suggestions from fans, uncovered gross incompetency and confusion regarding the rules and their application. The facts as stated are as our staff found them. The conclusions and recommendations are our own.**

**H**OW MANY TIMES have you seen someone obviously break a rule and get away with it?

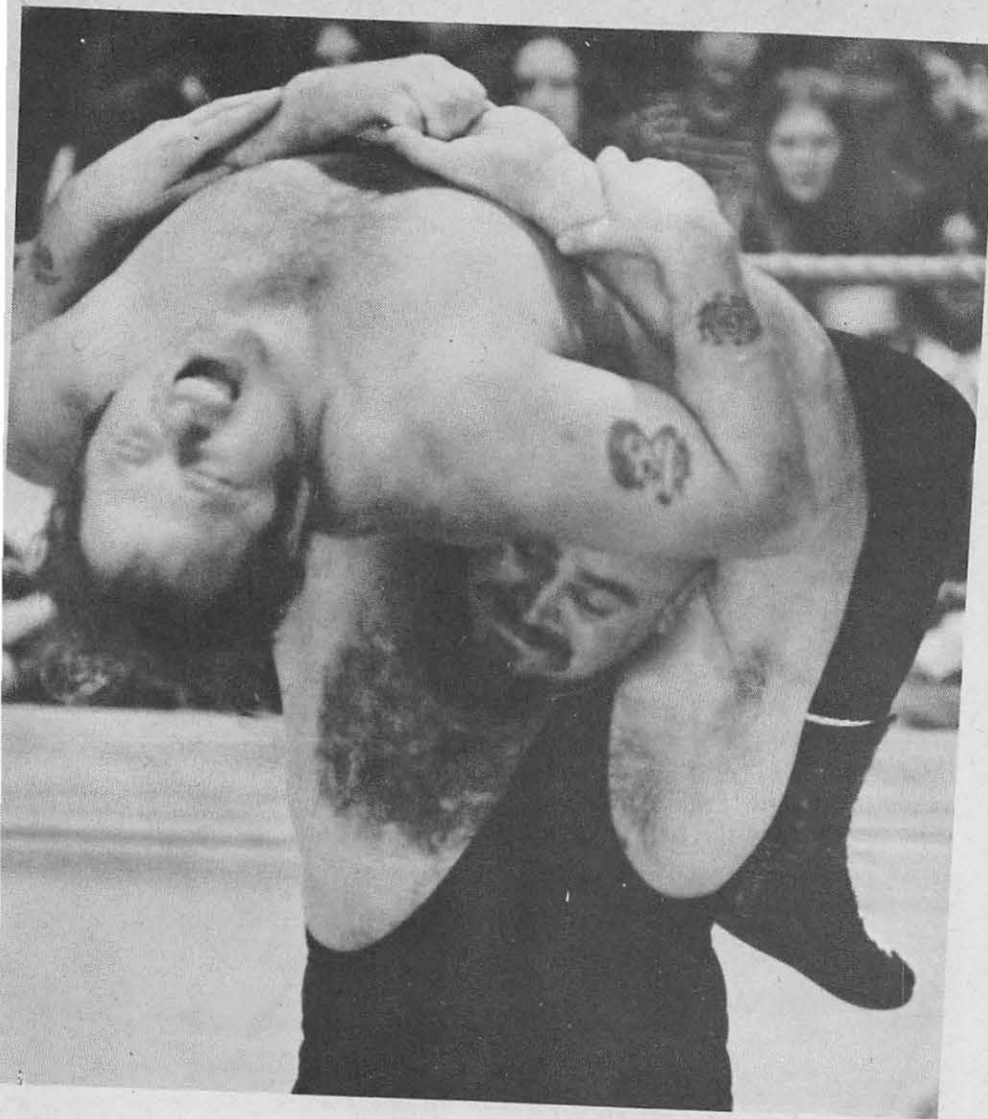
How many times have you screamed "That's illegal!" when you spotted a wrestler bending the rules?

If it seems that referees aren't enforcing the rules as strictly as they once did—it's because they aren't! A three-month study by the staff of this magazine has revealed the following:

\*Some referees either do not know the rules or are interpreting them wrong!

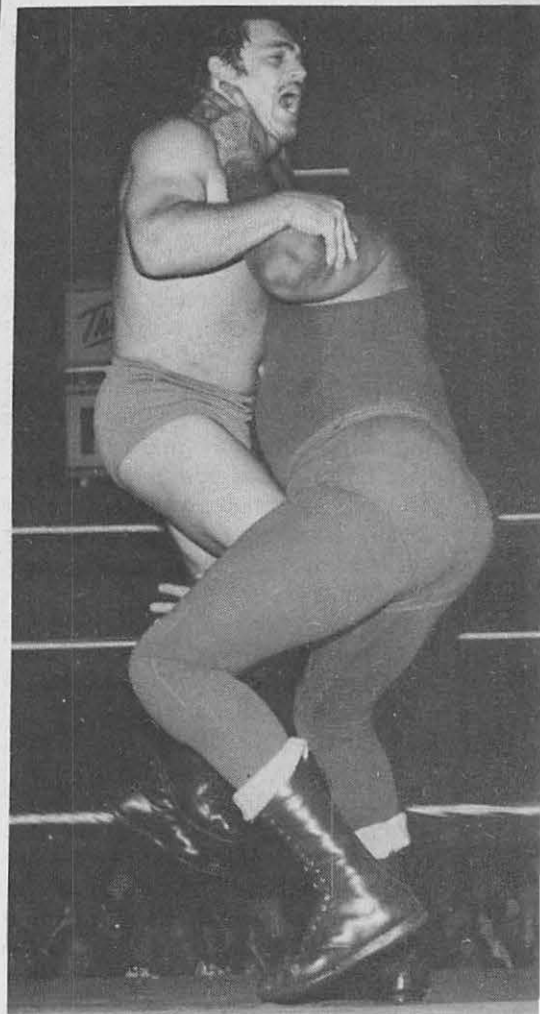
\*Although there is one universal set of rules different geographical





Ivan Koloff makes Kenny Jay concede with a backbreaker—a submission hold. Submission holds are one of the six ways a match can terminate.

Cyclone Negro lifts Ruben Juarez by the neck—an obvious choke hold and grounds for immediate disqualification. Was Negro disqualified? What do you think?



## ABOUT THE RULES!!!

areas have changed them, added some and subtracted others!

\*Some rules are being disobeyed or overlooked altogether!

Rather than list all the rules, we have boiled them down to make it easier for everyone to understand them. Occasionally, we will point out what we feel is a weakness in the present rule as well as a way it can be strengthened.

According to the rules, a match can end only six ways. A match can end when a wrestler's shoulders are pinned to the mat for a full three seconds as determined by a referee's count, when a wrestler gives up be-

cause he cannot get out of a hold without causing himself pain or injury (submission hold), when a wrestler is disqualified by a referee (more details on this later), when a referee believes a wrestler is too injured to continue, when outside interference makes it impossible for the match to continue in which case he can declare a "no contest," and when a specified time limit runs out.

Aside from disqualifications, which we'll cover later, there's one obvious weakness among these rules. When a wrestler's shoulders are pinned to the mat why should the three seconds be determined by a referee's

count? In boxing the referee follows the count of the timekeeper. This should be done in wrestling as well to prevent claims of "fast" or "slow" counts. Our staff discovered instances of pins in which the count to three took as much as eight seconds or as little as one second! We recommend that the timekeeper be responsible for counting off the three seconds on a signal by the referee that a man's shoulders are pinned. If the man raises his shoulders before the timekeeper gets to three the referee can signal that as well.

By far the biggest area of disagreement has been in the matter of dis-

qualifications. There are two types of disqualifications—disqualification because of a violation of rules or disqualification because of inability to adhere to a count. Following are the reasons for disqualification because of rule violations:

**Scratching, biting, eye-gouging, hair-pulling or kicking are all reasons for immediate disqualification.**

**Intentionally breaking an opponent's limb, punching with a closed fist, hitting below the belt and deliberately using the ropes to endanger an opponent are all reasons for immediate disqualification.**

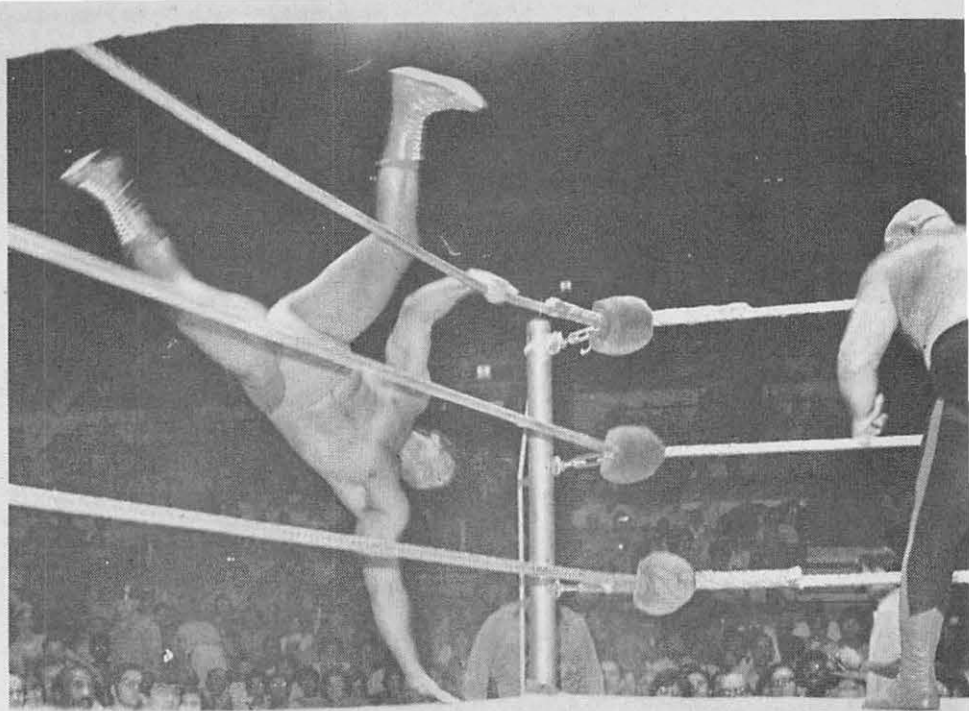
**Use of obscene language or gestures, fighting or wrestling outside the ring, using any utensils or foreign implements, choking or smothering an opponent and assaulting, or insulting a referee, fan or official are all reasons for immediate disqualification.**

The key word in all the above is "immediate." We asked a random sampling of referees what they'd do if they caught a wrestler pulling hair, punching with a closed fist, hitting below the belt, etc. More than 90 percent of our sample indicated they'd warn the offending wrestler and then begin a count! If the wrestler did not break the illegal hold or stop the illegal action he would be disqualified after a count of five. Fewer than 10 percent of the referees knew that those above illegalities called for IMMEDIATE disqualification! And not one of those 10 percent indicated he'd disqualify a man immediately for punching below the belt, for example!

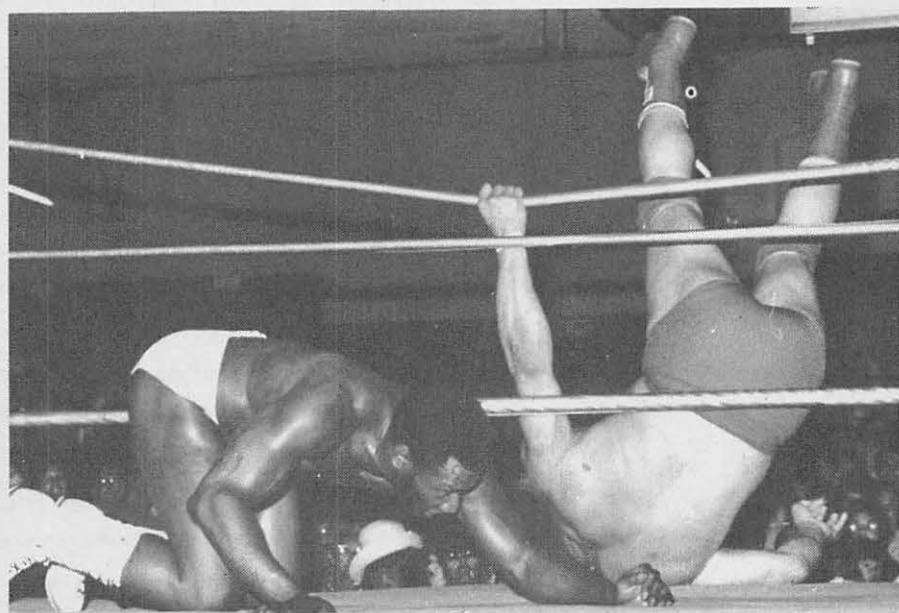
Every referee interviewed stated that if he found a wrestler with a foreign object he'd attempt to take it away from him and begin a count if the wrestler refused to give it up. **NOT ONE REFEREE STATED HE'D DISQUALIFY THE WRESTLER IMMEDIATELY AS THE RULES STATE!**

The only conclusions which can be drawn from this is that either the referees do not know these infractions call for immediate disqualification or they have chosen not to enforce it!

In some cases they are right. Some of these rules are obviously out of date and should be revised. For example, punching with a closed fist,



George "The Animal" Steele throws Pedro Morales over the ropes and out of the ring (above). If Pedro doesn't get back in by a 20 count he can be disqualified. Yet it was Steele who threw him out! A change is called for. Below: Ernie Ladd hangs from the ropes on the ring apron. If he didn't leave the ring voluntarily should he be disqualified?



wrestling outside the ring and insulting a fan or official should not be grounds for immediate disqualification. But hitting or kicking below the belt, and especially the use of foreign objects, should be grounds for immediate disqualification! **THIS IS NOT BEING DONE.**

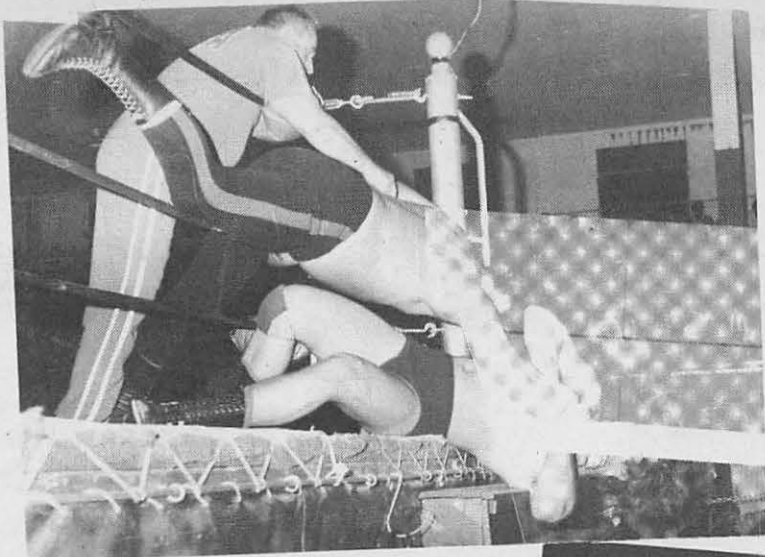
We recommend a revision of the disqualification rules and a strict enforcement of them after that revision. Certain wrestlers have been

using the lax enforcement of the rules to their obvious advantage. Some even flaunt their ability to get away with the use of foreign objects or illegal tactics. This does not have to happen.

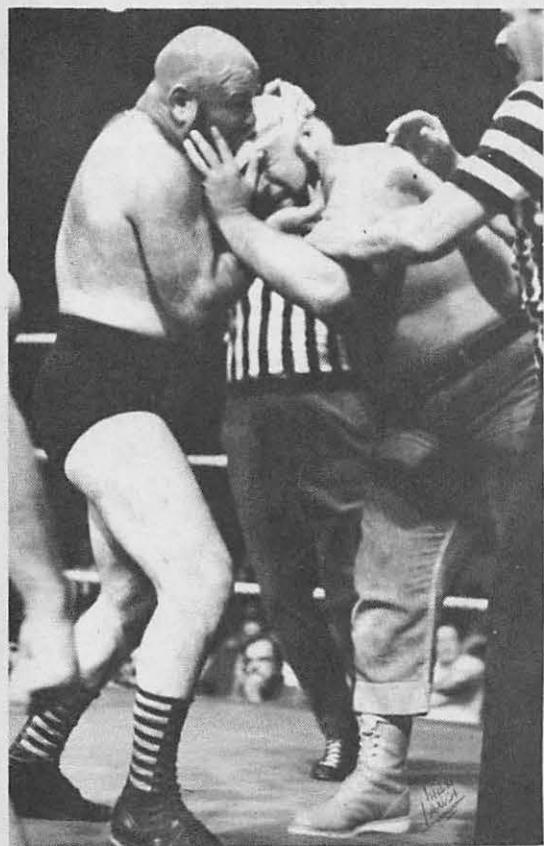
The second part of the disqualification rules concern a wrestler's failure to beat a referee's count. Wrestlers can be disqualified for any of the following:

**If he does not break a hold as in-**





Moose Morowski (left) is guilty of a number of infractions as he chokes Terry Funk outside the ring. How many can you spot? According to the rules he's doing three things which are not allowed. He's choking Funk, he's fighting outside the ring and he's using the ropes to endanger his opponent. Note the referee trying to pull him off. Instead, he should be disqualifying him. Below: Killer Kowalski pulls Bruno Sammartino's hair, but Killer wasn't disqualified.



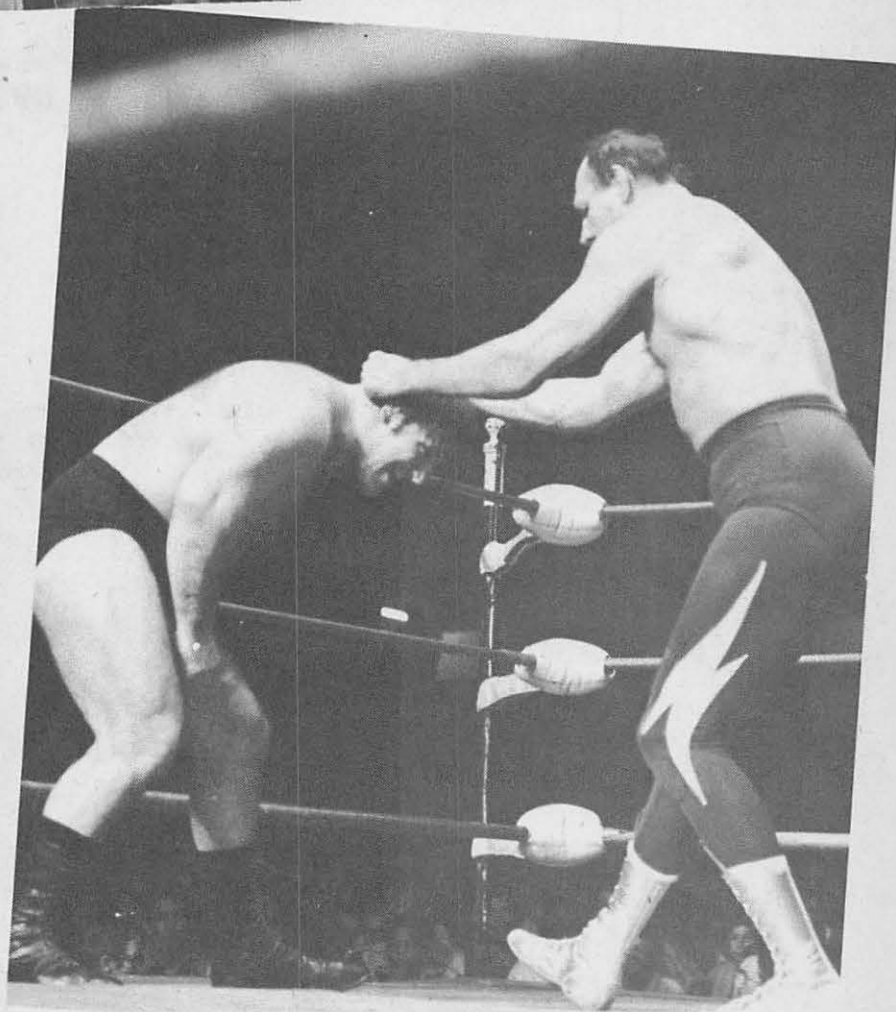
Mad Dog Vachon sinks his teeth into Joe Leduc's forehead. Is this biting? It must not have been since Mad Dog was not disqualified by the referee.

structed by the referee within five seconds, if he does not disengage himself from the ropes or allow an opponent to disengage himself from the ropes within five seconds and if he doesn't release a submission hold within five seconds after his opponent has conceded, a wrestler can be disqualified.

If he does not return to the ring from the ring apron within 10 seconds or if he does not return to the

ring within 20 seconds from the floor outside the ring, a wrestler can be disqualified.

These rules are quite vague. If such things as choke holds are grounds for immediate disqualification—then what kind of holds can a referee force a wrestler to break after counting five? Also, it is understandable to begin a 20 count when a wrestler is seeking to escape punishment by taking a respite outside



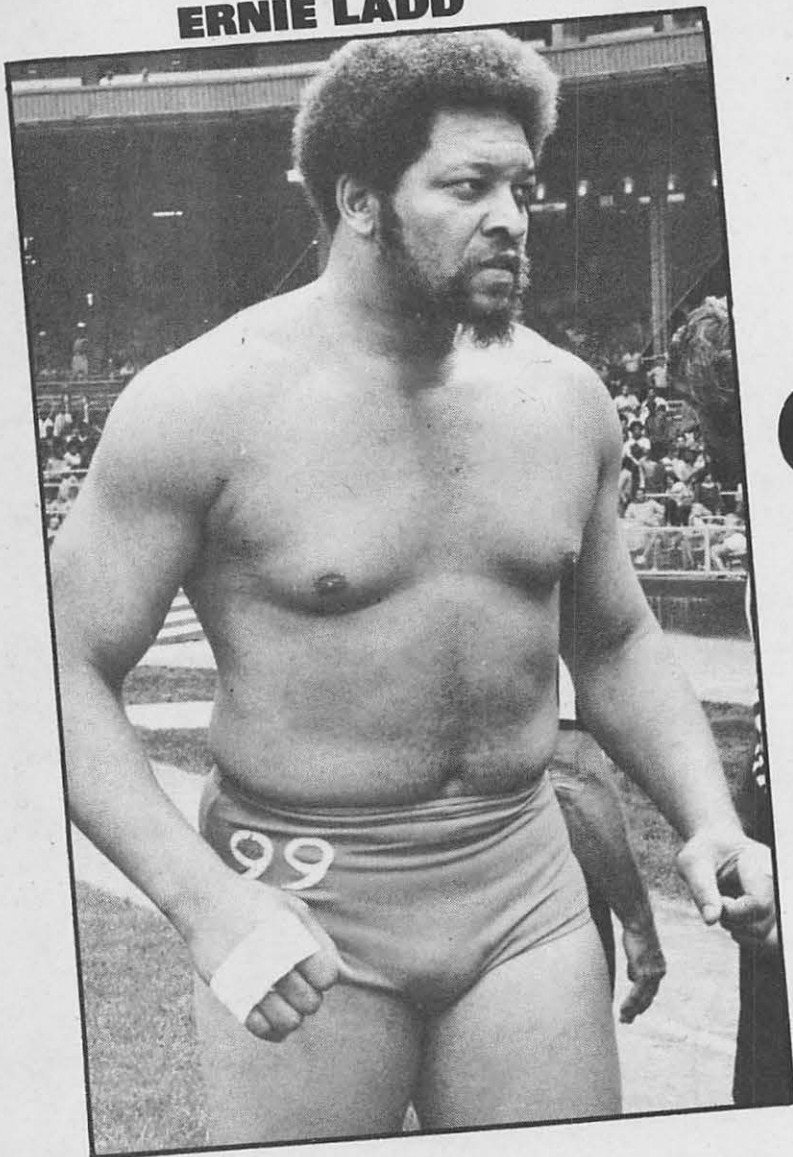
the ring. But when a wrestler is injured and thrown out of the ring by an opponent—why should he have to beat a count? He wasn't trying to hide.

It is understandable to begin a count on a wrestler when he deliberately steps outside the ropes or puts a foot over the ropes to avoid punishment or a pin. But why begin a count on a wrestler when his opponent is

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**Neither Ernie Ladd nor Abdullah the Butcher would win a popularity contest in most parts of North America. So when they hooked up in a revenge grudge match it figured that...**

## **ERNIE LADD**



# **NO RING COULD CONTAIN THEM!**



**T**HE CARD FOR the first "Superbowl of Wrestling" was one of the most spectacular ever put together. But of all the sensational matches—almost 20 on the four-hour long program—there was one even the other wrestlers didn't want to miss. It was the brass knucks grudge match between Ernie Ladd and Abdullah the Butcher!

"This won't be a wrestling match," said Dominic DeNucci before the contest began. "This will be a gutter brawl—a war. When you throw two animals together in the same cage you know only one of them can walk out of there. That's what this is."

*Ernie Ladd and Abdullah the Butcher (right) square off before entering the ring.*

Abdullah the Butcher is exactly as DeNucci described him. An animal. Even his manager the Black Baron admits Abdullah's totally uncontrollable. Ladd, although he has a following in the Cleveland, Ohio area, is not much better. When he gets angry and turns himself loose he's six-foot, nine-inches worth of wild fury!

To get behind the reason for the feud between these two maniacs it

is necessary to go back to Utica, New York. It was in Utica that Ladd defeated Waldo Von Erich and won the National Wrestling Federation heavyweight title.

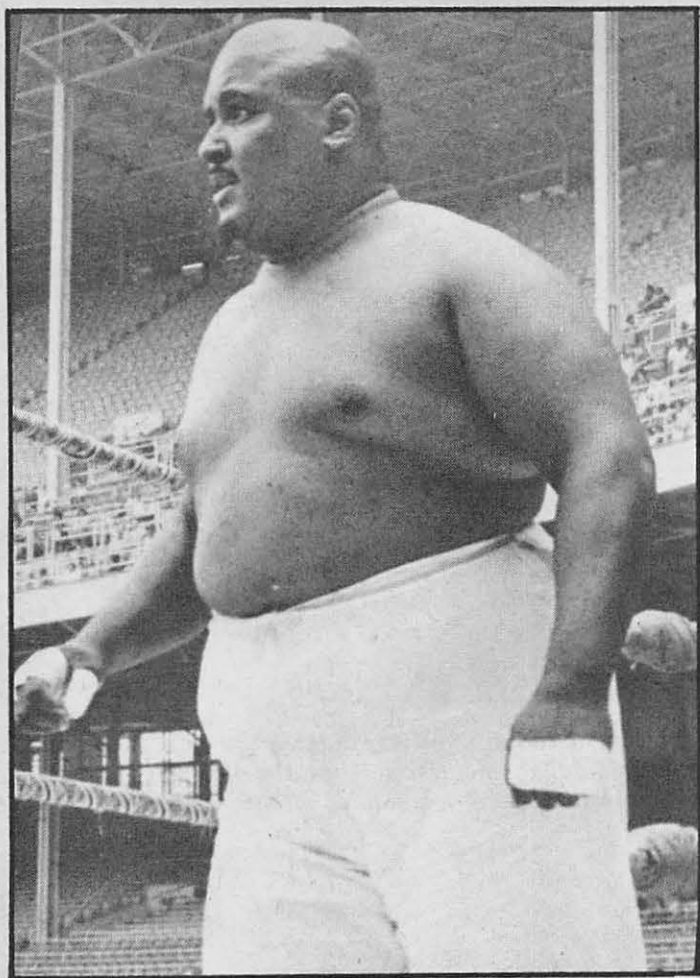
But he didn't hold it long.

His first challenge came from Abdullah the Butcher.

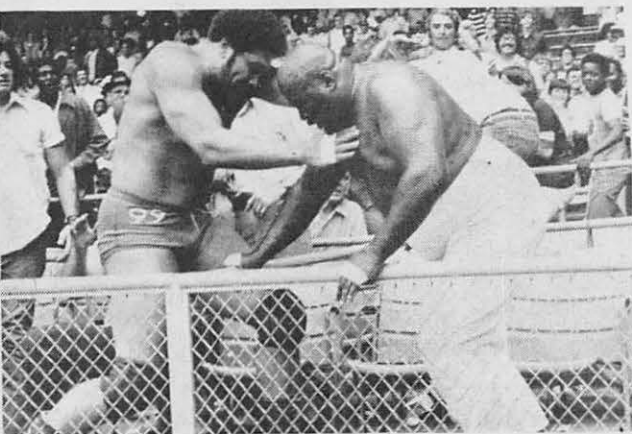
That match was one of the worst experiences of Ernie's life. Abdullah fouled him throughout the match and, according to Ladd and



# ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER



Even the stands aren't a safe place when Abdullah and Ernie Ladd battle (below). Ladd chases the Butcher into the box seats and they struggle there.

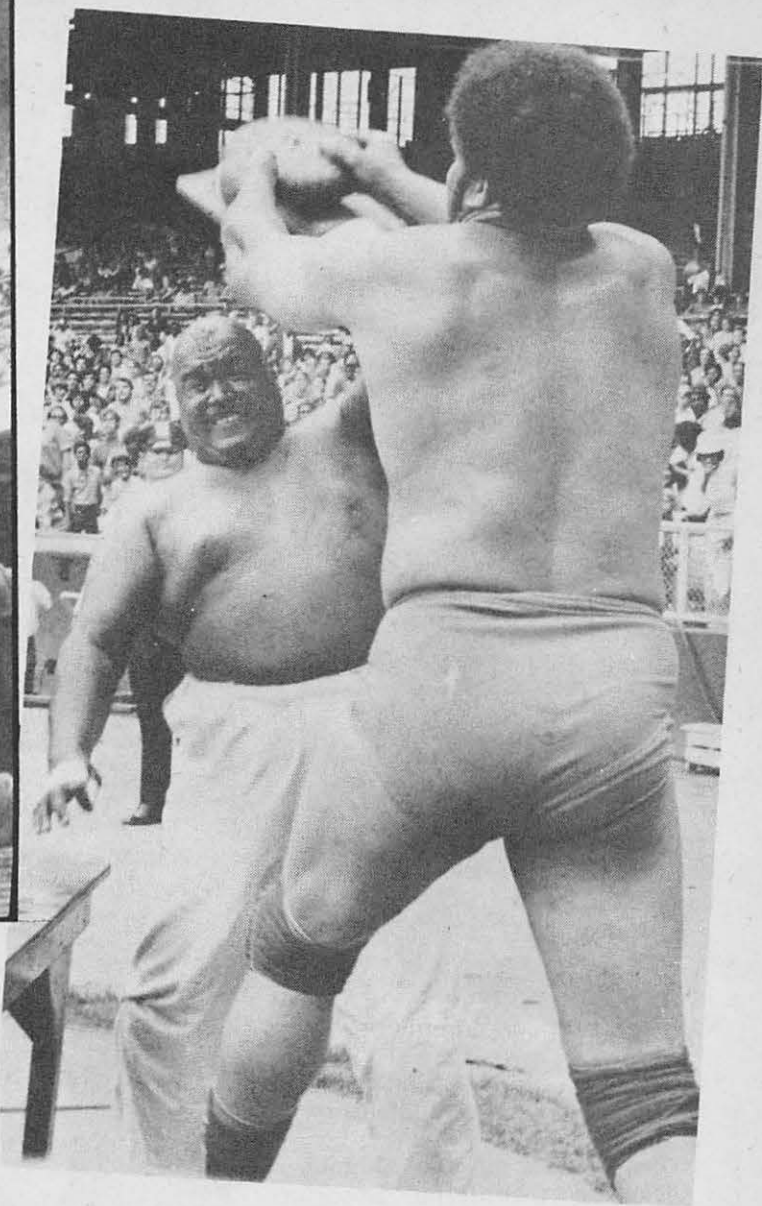


most of the fans present, Abdullah won the bout and the belt on a foul. Ernie protested vigorously but it was to no avail. Then, to top it off, Abdullah's manager stated that the Sudanese wrestler "would not give Ladd a rematch under any circumstances."

By this time Ernie was boiling. But that isn't all. During a TV match in which Ernie was whipping his opponent badly, Abdullah

charged down the aisle and smashed a chair over Ernie's head! Then he threw him out of the ring and stomped him until special police carried him away. You don't do that to Ernie on TV and get away with it!

Abdullah's hatred for Ladd comes about largely because of his manager. The Black Baron told **THE WRESTLER** (October/1972) that he took over Abdullah's



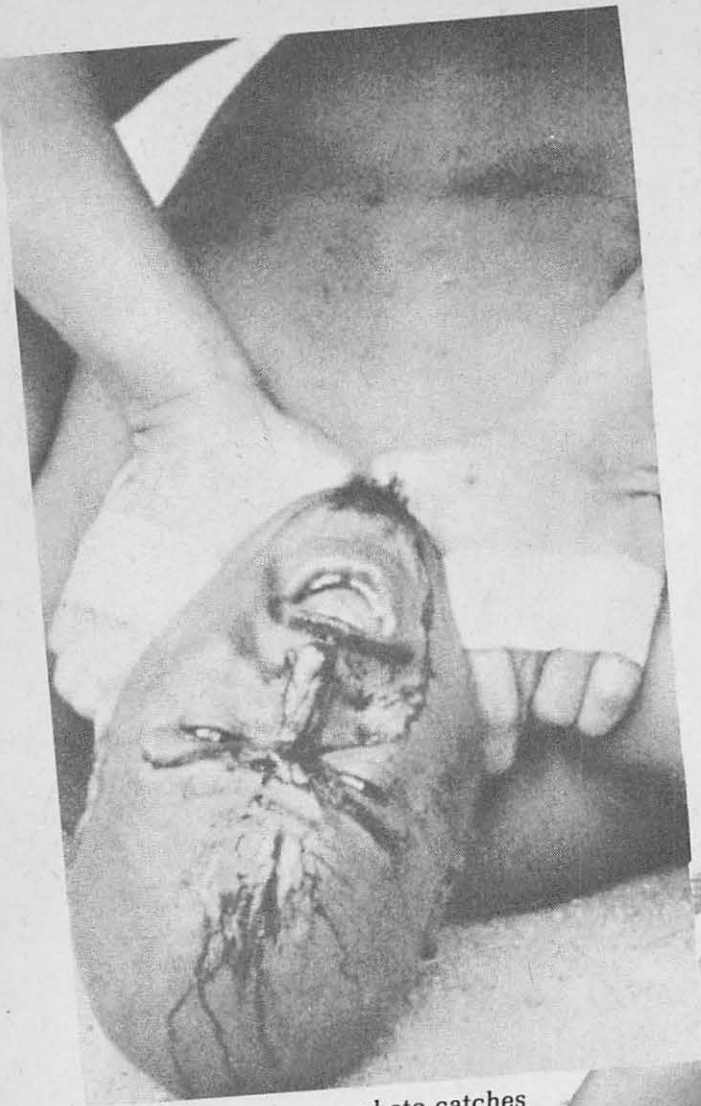
Ladd (above) rips the bell off the official's table and smashes it onto Abdullah's head!

contract because "I have revenge to dish out to certain people. I hide my identity for the simple reason I am managing an animal. He does my dirty work for me."

Evidently, for reasons the Baron refuses to divulge, Ernie Ladd is one of the wrestlers on his list of victims for Abdullah.

With that background in mind, it's no wonder the Abdullah-Ladd scrap was one *everybody* wanted to see. "If they don't interfere with us," Ernie was quoted as saying a week before the Super Bowl, "they won't need a referee. Just an undertaker."

So bitter is this feud that the two of them never got as far as climbing into the ring at the beginning of the match. As each em-



Dramatic closeup photo catches the intensity of the struggle. Those are Ernie Ladd's strong hands around Abdullah's neck.

erged from a different dugout in Cleveland's Municipal Stadium, they tore across the area near home plate and went after each other.

Wrestling? Forget it. There was no wrestling here. This was just as DeNucci had described it. A gutter brawl.

Ladd slammed his brass knucks-covered fist onto Abdullah's shaved head opening up a bloody gash. Abdullah returned the compliment and ripped Ernie's forehead open.

The action moved to the scorer's table where Ladd smashed the Butcher's head onto the bell. Not satisfied, he then tore the heavy metal bell off the table and smashed it across Abdullah's face!

By this time four referees joined the action to hold Ladd back. Two of them had to be summoned from other rings (three rings were in progress). During this respite they



As the two continue their war outside the ring, Ladd smashes Abdullah—face first—into the official's table. Note that the officials have already scattered.



In one of the few moments when both men were in the ring, Abdullah goes for a pin against an exhausted-looking Ernie Ladd. But Ernie smashed his brass knucks-covered fist into Abdullah's forehead and broke the hold. They then left the ring again and didn't come back.

managed to get both men into the ring. But not for long.

Abdullah gave Ladd a pair of flying elbow smashes and threw him out of the ring. They met again in the vicinity of the pitcher's mound. They battled there for a few minutes.

They also battled out by second base. They battled along the first

base line. They battled in each of the three rings in use. Then the battle went into the stands!

Fans ran back in horror as the two climbed over the third base railing into the seats. Abdullah ripped apart one of the seats with his bare hands and rammed the splintered wood into Ladd's eyes.

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## When Doctors Told Mad Dog Vachon...



Mad Dog Vachon (above) speaks to the crowd from his wheelchair vowing he'd be back to wrestle again. It was a dramatic gesture and the fans gave him an ovation. Right: Mad Dog sits in his wheelchair prior to leaving the hospital. Doctors said he'd be confined there for life.

# "YOU'LL NEVER WALK AGAIN!"

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**I**T WAS ONE of those typical Montreal winter nights. The temperature was well below freezing and you could see your breath in front of you. Snow was falling as fast as the windshield wipers could push it away. The roads were slick and you never knew when you'd hit an ice patch. Visibility was restricted.

These were the cautions running through Mad Dog Vachon's mind that fateful night in 1968—a night

he has refused to speak publicly about until now.

"I was doing about 40 miles an hour," he recalled, "which was well under the speed limit of 60. It was about two in the morning and I was driving back to Montreal from a match in Quebec City. When you live in this area you're pretty used to bad driving conditions so I was alert to what was happening.

"Suddenly, I hit an ice patch, a long one, and I went into a skid.

My first inclination was to hit the brakes, but I know that's the worst thing to do. So I tried to steer into the skid like they tell you. It didn't help. The car was out of control and sliding on ice. It hit a guard rail and rolled down an embankment, turning over and over. That's

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**"The doctor told me I'd never walk again," Mad Dog Vachon remembered. "I told him that not only would I walk again—I'd wrestle again too!"**

Mad Dog Vachon smashes Ivan Koloff to the canvas with a devastating piledriver. This match was Vachon's first after his injury and many people thought he shouldn't have gone in against such a tough opponent. "I've been wrestling the biggest names in this sport," Mad Dog said, "and I'm not going to change things now!" The match ended in a draw.

the last thing I remember."

Unconscious, Mad Dog remained there in the freezing cold for three hours before a highway patrolman saw the broken rail and found the car. In addition to fractures and internal injuries, Vachon was also found to be suffering from exposure. But the worst was yet to come.

"I woke up in the hospital," Mad Dog said, "and the first thing I remembered thinking was 'Hey, I'm alive!' Then the doctors came in and asked me if I could move my legs. I tried, but I couldn't. Then they began to stick pins in my legs and I couldn't feel a thing! That's when it hit me. I was paralyzed!"

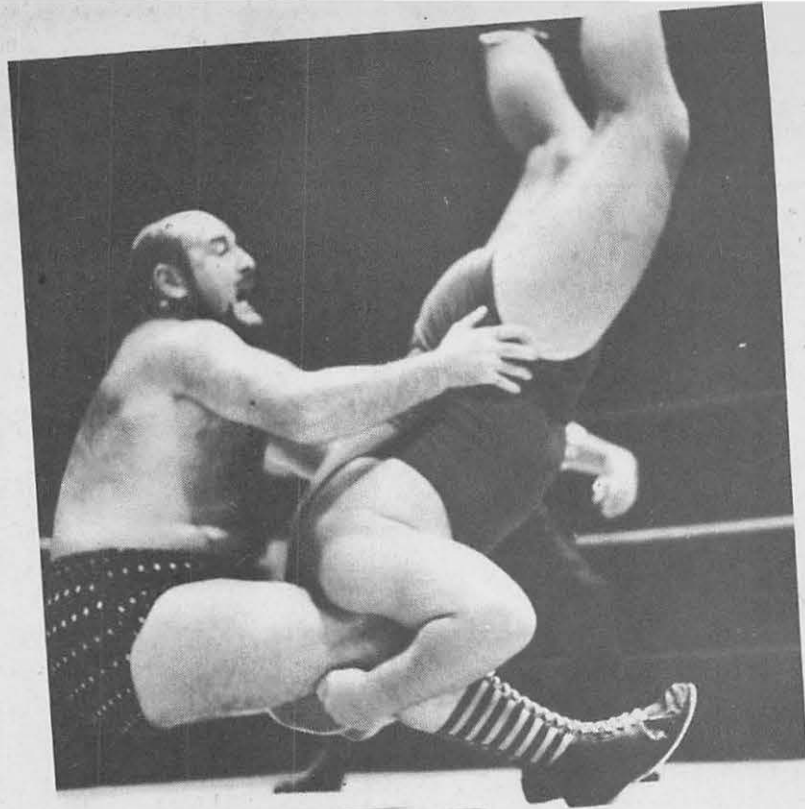
The doctors told Vachon not to jump to conclusions. They'd have to do tests to determine the extent and the permanence of the paralysis. That brought Vachon's hopes up a little, but not for long. When the tests were complete and the final report came in the news was bad.

"Mr. Vachon," the doctor told him, "from what we can determine the paralysis affecting your lower body looks to be permanent. Although it is impossible to predict for certain, indications are that you'll never walk again."

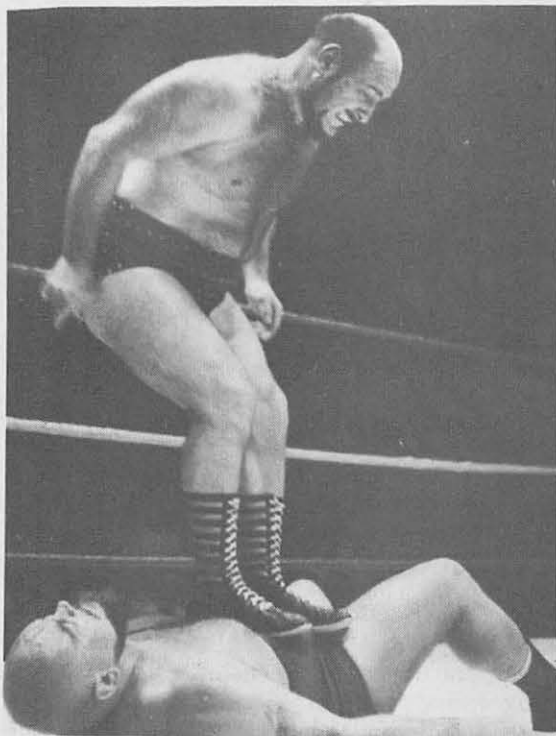
But Mad Dog Vachon is not a man to take adversity lightly. "Doctor," Mad Dog told the physician, "not only will I walk again—I'll wrestle again too!"

The hospital suggested that Vachon undergo rehabilitation and therapy and perhaps he could regain some muscular usage in his legs. Vachon agreed. After all, the doctor had said the paralysis "looks to be" permanent. He didn't say it definitely was.

"When I told the doctor I'd wrestle again I was saying it in anger," Vachon recalls. "It was something



Mad Dog Vachon stomps on the stomach of the Russian strongman, Ivan Koloff, showing he didn't lose any of his meanness during the time he spent confined to bed and later to a wheelchair. Vachon drove himself mercilessly in order to rehabilitate leg muscles that had been paralyzed.



I just blurted out. I didn't want to believe that my career—my life as I knew it—was over. I started thinking about what else I could do... what else I wanted to do. I couldn't come up with anything. I'm a wrestler and that's all I ever wanted to be. So although I might have said that in anger—I made up my mind I would wrestle again."

Once he committed himself to that goal Mad Dog began an intense program of therapy. If the

average rehabilitation program called for two hours of therapy a day Mad Dog drove himself for six hours. Not only did he have to make sure to strengthen his leg muscles—he had to keep his arm and chest and back muscles strong as well.

One thing that kept Mad Dog going was the attitude of the fans. Never what you'd call a popular favorite, Mad Dog received hundreds of letters wishing him a speedy recovery. "A fan may want





to see a wrestler get beaten but he doesn't want to see a man's career ended no matter how much he may dislike his style," Vachon said. One letter, which he keeps to this day, is typical of the mail he received. "I hope you get better real quick," wrote a fan, "so you can get back in the ring and I can boo the hell out of you!" Another mentioned that he wanted to see Edouard Carpentier put him in a hospital—not an auto accident.

Then, in one of the most dramatic moments in Montreal mat history, Mad Dog, confined to a wheelchair, showed up at the matches one night and he received a standing ovation when he was wheeled in. With tears in his eyes he took the public address microphone and announced to the fans "I'll be back."

Few people, at that time, knew the extent of Vachon's injuries. The paralysis was a secret. But shortly after that dramatic appearance

Edouard Carpentier tries to twist Vachon's head off his shoulders. Mad Dog battled his arch enemy soon after his return to the ring. While in the hospital he received a letter from a fan urging him to get well quickly so Carpentier could put him back in the hospital.

something happened which Mad Dog considers "a miracle."

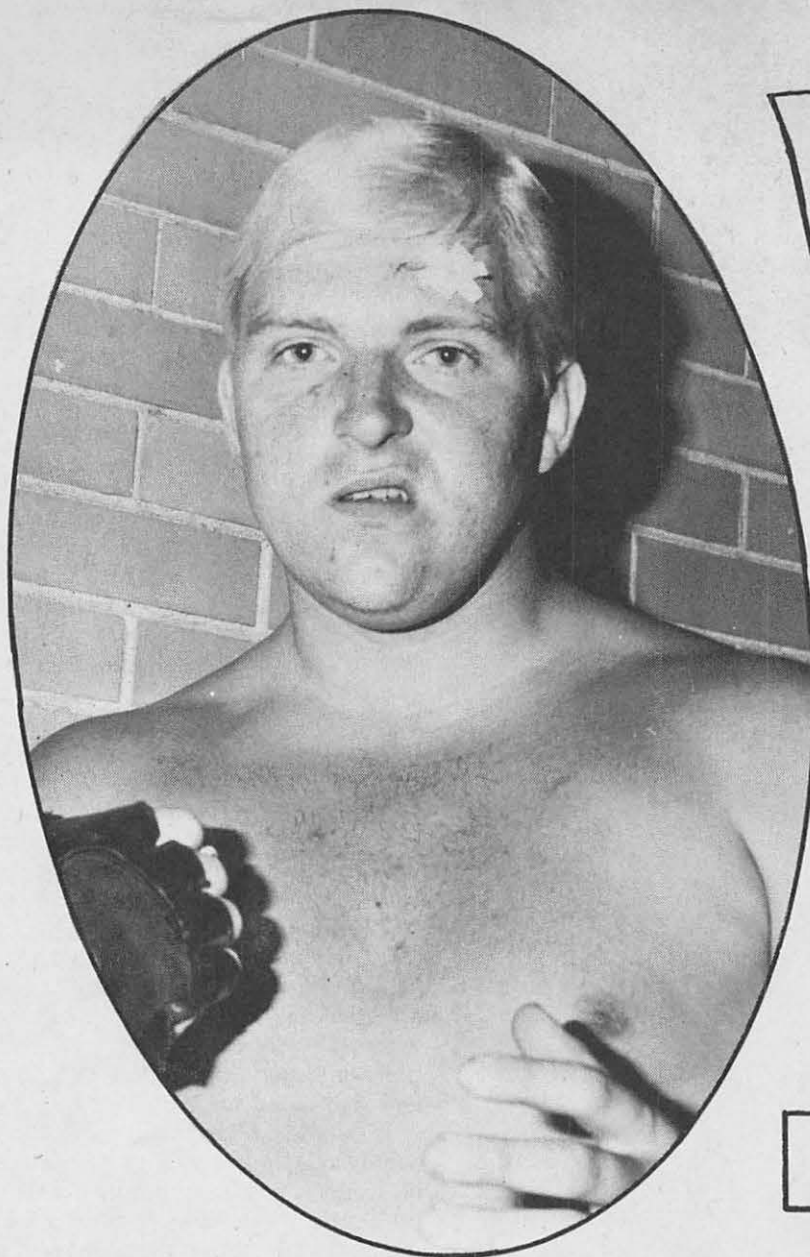
"I was lifting myself out of my bed and into the wheelchair and I banged my foot on a metal part of the chair," he recalls. "And it hurt. I felt pain! It was the most wonderful feeling I ever had. I told the doctor and they took me back to the hospital for another examination. The doctor told me they weren't sure why—but the paralysis was ending!"

This only intensified Mad Dog's desire to wrestle again. Instead of undergoing six hours a day of therapy Mad Dog increased it to 10. Before too long he'd regained total use of his legs. And because of his intensive training he was able to get the muscles back to where they'd once been in about half the time it might have taken a less dedicated man.

When Mad Dog was ready to come back the promoters suggested he build himself up against a few preliminary wrestlers before taking on what figured to be really tough matches. Mad Dog said no. "I've been wrestling the biggest names in this sport," he told the promoter "and I'll continue to do so."

So in his first match since the accident—a match that filled the arena—Mad Dog tangled with none other than Ivan Koloff! For one half hour they battered each other around mercilessly. Neither man could get a decision. But even though the match ended in a draw the fans again gave Mad Dog a standing ovation. He came back—just as he promised he would.

Since then Mad Dog has returned to his violent ways. He's still one of the most despised wrestlers in North America. But, as he says, "those boos are music to my ears. Remember. There was a time when I thought I'd never hear them again." □



# An Open Letter From Bobby Heenan...

## "YOU—THE FANS—ARE ON TRIAL!"

By Bobby Heenan  
Exclusive Photos by Gary Kamensack

**Bobby Heenan has indicated that he and his Blackjacks have in the past been victimized by false accusations by both the fans and these magazines. In this open letter Bobby presents his case—a case he feels will allow the fans a chance to live up to the same standards they want to see in wrestlers!**

**I** KNOW THAT many of you who will read this article do not like either me or my illustrious world tag team champions the Blackjacks. You are the people who attend our matches and scream your fool heads off for neanderthals like Bruiser and Crusher.

Well, neither my magnificent Blackjacks nor I mind your boos. Nor do we mind if you choose to cheer like idiots for undesirables like Bruiser and Crusher. But I do feel that you should know a little about the kind of men you've chosen

as your favorites.

Although the sensational Blackjacks are the roughest team in the history of wrestling they've always maintained one standard—a standard of fair play. While we're in that ring we do everything we can to win. But we don't make sneak attacks and we don't *deliberately* try to maim other wrestlers—even such hideous beasts as Bruiser and Crusher.

Yet these two, the men you've chosen to support, are guilty of just such underhanded and unsportsman-

like actions!

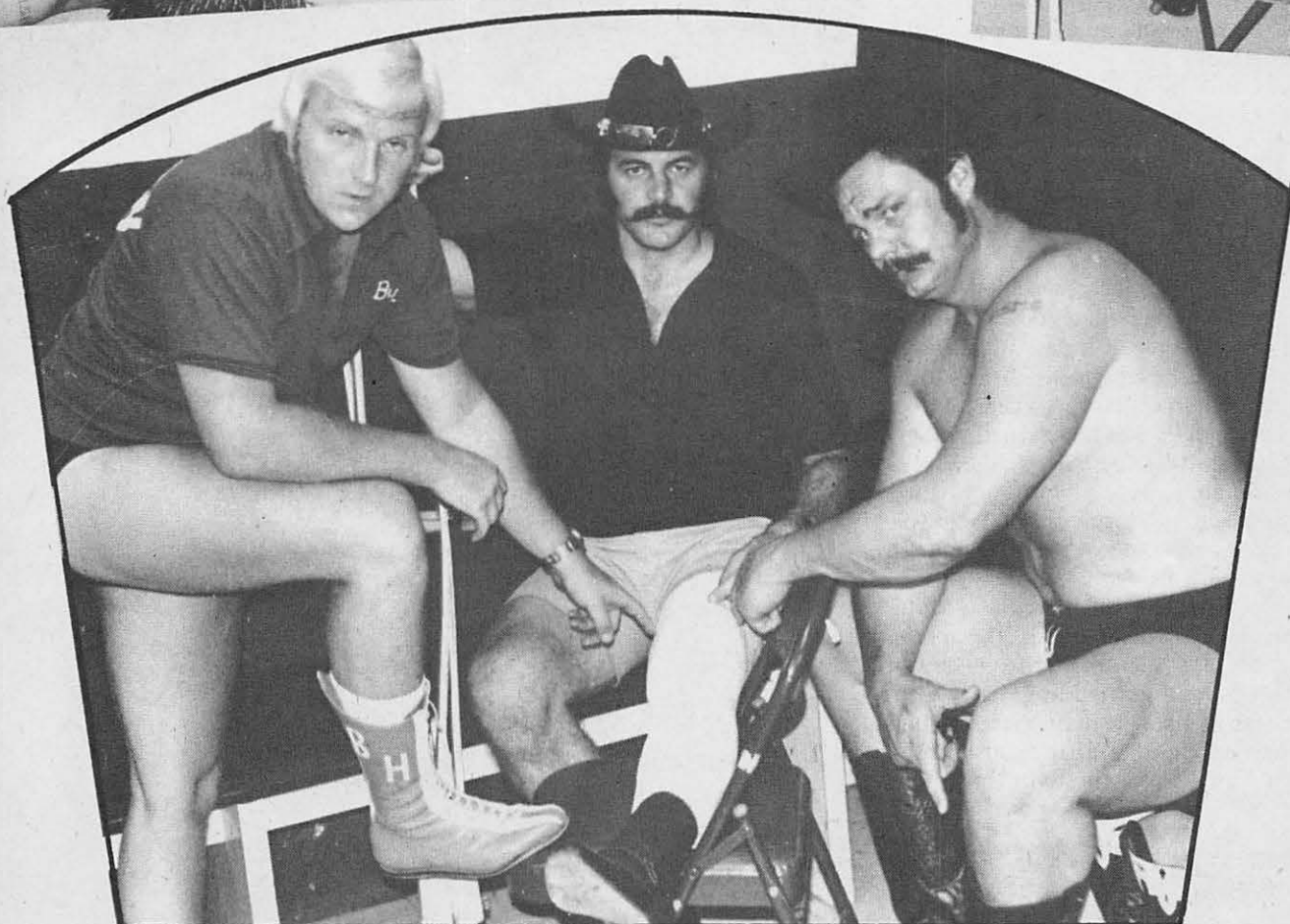
As proof I need only to point to a recent evening in Chicago when Bruiser and Crusher outdid themselves (and that takes some doing) as far as unsportsmanlike tactics are concerned.

After Blackjack Mulligan triumphed, as expected, in his match against Billy Red-Cloud, my other champion, Blackjack Lanza, went in against Bruiser. I, of course, was in Bruiser's corner to guide my man's strategy and lend moral and vocal support.





Blackjack Mulligan and Bobby Heenan (left) do not look like they've gained revenge at the expense of Bruiser and Crusher, which is what they set out to do. Right: Blackjack Lanza couldn't help them. He was laid up with a busted leg. Below: Heenan and Mulligan point to Lanza's leg, broken by Bruiser and his partner Crusher.



The match started off as one of the best I've ever seen. I have to admit Bruiser was doing much better than anyone had expected. About a half-hour of non-stop action had gone by and he was still alive.

However, after putting up a pretty good battle for that half hour, Bruiser began to tire and tire badly. His pot-belly and flabby legs just couldn't take the pressure of a battle against a young, superbly-conditioned athlete like Blackjack Lanza. Bruiser was in trouble. Bad trouble. My Blackjack was whipping him from

ringpost to ringpost. It was only a matter of time before the referee would raise Lanza's hand in triumph.

In a desperation move which was doomed to failure, Bruiser stooped so low as to pull a pair of brass knuckles from his trunks. Blackjack took them away from him with ease and used Bruiser's own tactic against him!

By this time it was obvious the end was near. Suddenly I heard cheering. That's when I saw that other out-of-shape animal—Crusher—come tearing down the aisle and

climb into the ring! It was terribly unfair. Two against one. And you people were cheering!

It hurts me to have to report what happened next but I want to give you the facts exactly as they happened. Crusher stunned Blackjack since he had the element of surprise. He then whipped him into a corner where Bruiser was waiting. He crashed his fist right into Lanza's face knocking my champion practically unconscious.

As Blackjack lay there in the cor-

*Continued*

ner Bruiser climbed to the top rope. The Crusher grabbed my man's foot and shouted at Bruiser to jump down on his leg. I saw that fat animal leap off the rope and I had to turn away. I couldn't look.

Bruiser was right on target. When I looked back my champion was rolling around on the mat in agony, clutching his left knee. As if this wasn't enough, I saw them dragging Lanza back to the corner. They were going to do it again!

I couldn't take anymore. I ran back to the dressing room to get Blackjack Mulligan so we could stop this terrible slaughter. While I was getting Mulligan, Bruiser held Lanza's broken leg as Crusher climbed to the top rope and jumped on the same leg!

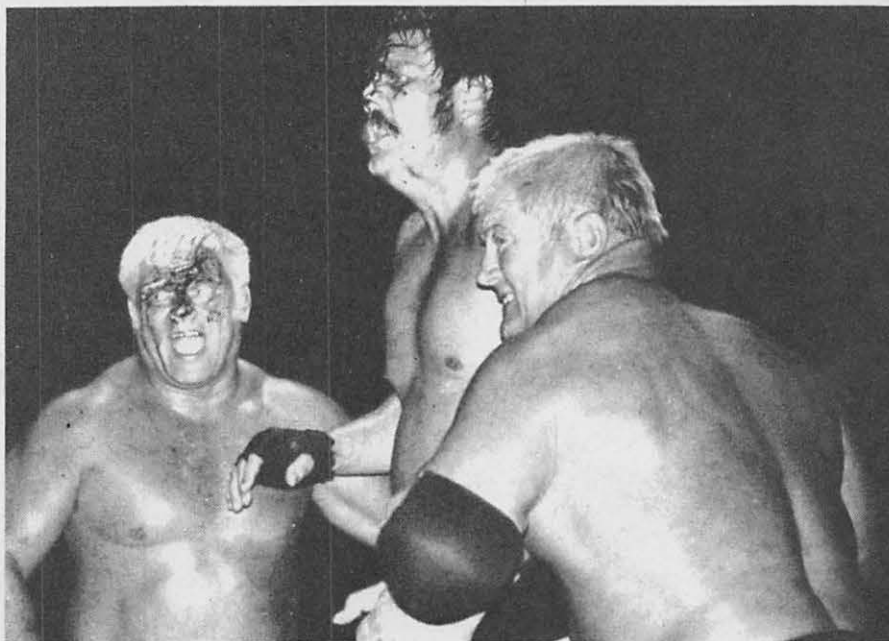
By this time the referee had disqualified those two animals but it was too late. The damage had already been done. And when they saw Mulligan and I running towards the ring they took off like the chickens they are.

I asked Blackjack Lanza if he could walk and he said he couldn't. We had to get a bunch of security guards to help carry him back to the dressing room. By that time his knee had become swollen and had turned an ugly black and blue. After a careful examination by a doctor our worst fears were confirmed. The leg was broken and some of the ligaments in the knee were torn.

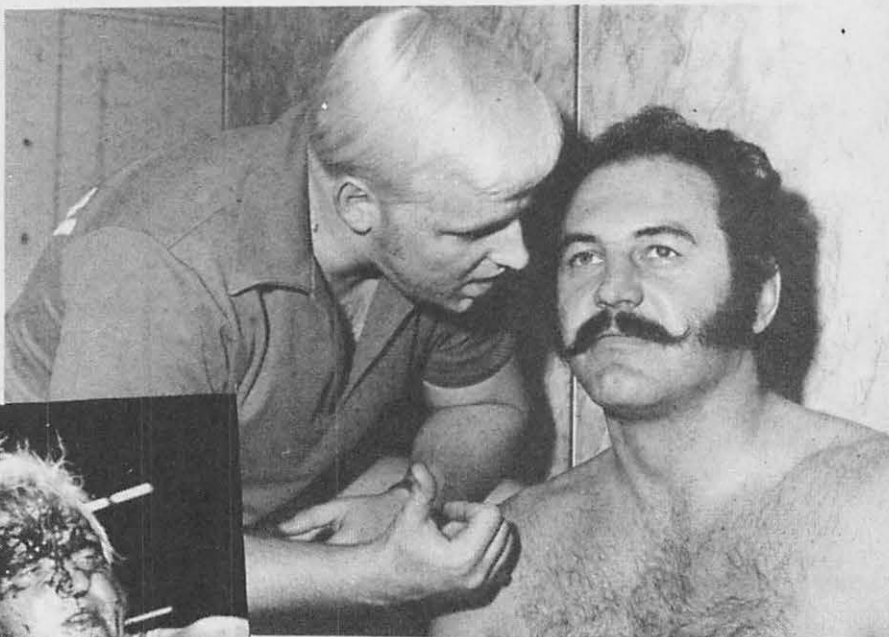
Upon hearing this Blackjack Mulligan almost went berserk. He actually tore off a metal door from one of the lockers and tried to get at Crusher and Bruiser in their locker room. I had all I could do to restrain him. If it wasn't for the help of those fine

police there I don't believe I could have stopped him alone. As angry as he was there was no way I could reason with him and explain that the place to get revenge was in the ring. By attacking them in the locker room we'd only be sinking to their level.

But then we received further news that almost made me wish I hadn't stopped him. The doctor had put a temporary brace on Lanza's leg so he could be taken to the hospital. A further diagnosis and X-rays there revealed that the upper portion of



*Bruiser and Crusher prepare to whip Blackjack Mulligan across the ring and into his partner Bobby Heenan. They did. To see what Mulligan and Heenan wound up looking like after the match, see the bottom picture.*



*Bobby Heenan brings a smile to Blackjack Lanza's face (above) as he tells him he's successfully obtained a revenge match against Bruiser and the Crusher. But their happiness didn't last long as Bruiser and Crusher soundly thrashed Mulligan and his manager (left). Bobby's still angered by Bruiser and Crusher's tactics in a previous bout and Heenan wants fans to ask for justice for all*





the calf just below the knee was also fractured. Because of this Lanza must wear a cast extending from the top of his thigh all the way down to his ankle for a few months.

Now don't get the idea that either Blackjack Lanza or I are complain-

ing about a broken leg. A broken leg isn't going to stop a great athlete like him. But the circumstances behind how he received the broken leg are what is important.

It was done with a sneak attack. It was done by two men against one.

It was done deliberately and with every intent to injure. It was done in full view of thousands of people.

Now I ask you... how can you, as a wrestling fan, have any respect for the kind of animals who would do such a thing? They were obviously wrong in what they did as their being disqualified by the referee proves. Should animals like this receive the cheers and support of wrestling fans? I don't believe so and I don't believe any fair-minded wrestling fan believes so either!

I'm not asking you to love Bobby Heenan and the Blackjacks. I'm not asking you to cheer us. What I am asking is that you fans live up to your responsibility as fans. Whenever we've done things that you considered perhaps unfair—although we've never done anything which equals the infamy of this treacherous act—you've been quick to protest about our so-called brutality. I'm sure if the situation was reversed you'd be writing letters to *INSIDE WRESTLING* and *THE WRESTLER* calling for us to be banned or for some disciplinary action by the Commission. I hope that you will be just as forceful in calling for similar action against Bruiser and Crusher.

It's time these two animals—both a disgrace to the sport—were exposed for what they really are. Only with your support can we keep these two from thinking they can get away with such cowardly and violent acts.

The Blackjacks have never backed down from any opponent and never will. Right now we are involved in a contract signing for Blackjack Mulligan and myself to get a match against Bruiser and Crusher and obtain revenge for this dastardly attack.

We are willing—and always have been willing—to take any punishment that comes our way. When you dish out punishment you have to be prepared to take it as well. This we do. We don't want Bruiser and Crusher banned because we want the chance to get even with them in the ring. But their actions must not go unpunished!

You, the wrestling fans, are on trial. Are you front runners who will accept unsportsmanlike behavior as long as it's practiced by your so-called favorites? Or will you prove yourself to be true fans and protest such actions *regardless* of the perpetrator?

I leave it to your judgment. □



The evidence (above). Blackjack Lanza had to don a cast from his ankle to above his thigh. Right: Lanza shows what he plans to do to the two men who broke his leg. Mulligan and Heenan no doubt will help him out.



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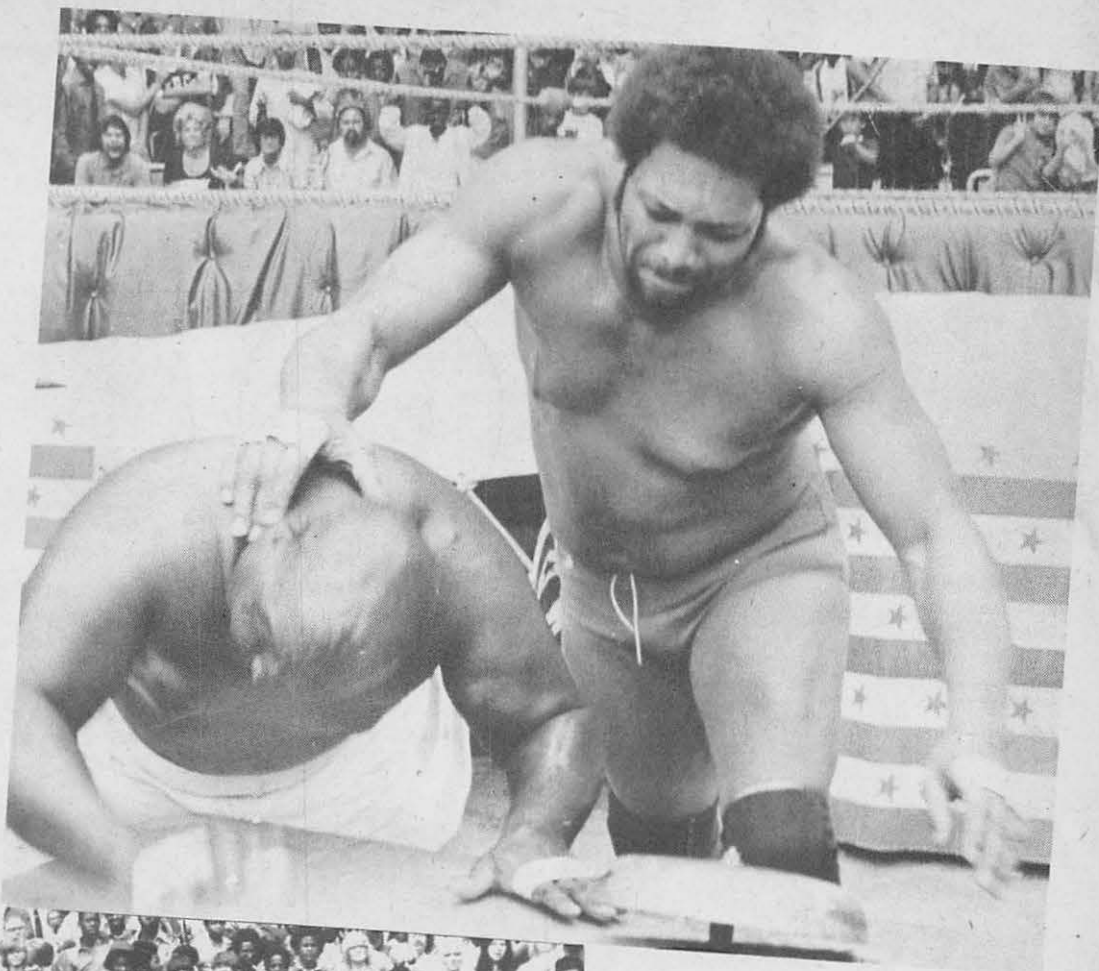


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Again and again and again Abdullah's face is smashed into the wooden table until he begins to bleed as if he'd been shot (right). Later Ernie tore the bell off and smashed Abdullah with it. Below: Four referees try to hold an enraged Ernie Ladd back as he goes after his foe. They battled in the dressing room corridor after the match had ended.



Ernie replied by smashing the Butcher's face onto the top of the concrete dugout!

Again the action spilled out onto the field. Each tried to choke the other to death. Even the most bloodthirsty fans couldn't take any-

more. "Stop it! Stop it!" they roared.

There was no hope of getting either of these wild men back into the ring so the officials wisely ruled it a double disqualification. But neither man was happy with that

and as the ring announcer told fans of the decision—he was standing there all alone. The two were battling again—this time in the visiting team's dugout!

"I don't care if they want to kill each other," one official was overheard saying, "but I don't want it done here! We've got other matches that must go on."

And they did. As the next match got underway Abdullah and Ladd continued their war underneath the stands along the runway from the dugout to the dressing rooms! How long did they keep it up? Nobody knows. Special police were ordered to keep the press away. Evidently, they were just going to let them keep going until one of them dropped.

Nobody'll ever know if one of them did. By the time any reporters were allowed down there both of them were gone. But the area was bathed in blood. Not only couldn't a ring hold these two—an 80,000-seat stadium couldn't hold 'em either!



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## AFTER MOOLAH-WHO? *(Continued from Page 33)*

But Sue makes mistakes. Certainly no knock on her considering the short time she's been a professional wrestler, Sue will make one or two "rookie mistakes" in each match. Her biggest fault is a

tendency to go for the finisher before her opponent is sufficiently softened up.

Janie O'Brien, the meanest gal in wrestling, would be a tough champion to dethrone if she ever

won the title. However, Janie's brutality often goes too far and she gets herself disqualified when she doesn't have to. If she spent more time concentrating on winning a match instead of punishing her opponent she'd be unstoppable.

Peggy Patterson and Debbie Johnson are good solid wrestlers who have all the equipment. But both lack that vital "something" that separates good wrestlers from the great ones. Neither has a finishing hold that can end a match on a moment's notice. Debbie has shown exceptional progress, especially since teaming with Vicki Williams, but is still a few years away from championship contention.

Joyce Becker was at one time considered the brightest prospect of all. Herself trained by Moolah, Joyce is another who possesses all the tools needed to be a champion. But for the past year or so she's been restricting her wrestling to the southeast and it's hard to gauge whether she's lost any of her skills. Until Joyce meets a few more nationally-ranked opponents it'd be difficult to consider her one of the top two or three contenders.

Other than the gals mentioned above, if anyone else won the title it would have to be considered a major upset. Some, like Betty Niccoli, Donna Christenello, Marie Vagnone, Jean Antone, Paula Steele, Jessica Rodgers, Jan Sheridan and Sandy Parker, have had chances but failed to prove a serious title threat. Others like T.N. Turner, Princess Jasimine, Gidget Cory, Paula Kaye, White Venus, Black Orchid, Tanya West, Tami Jones, Carmen Monge and Lily Thomas will need a lot more experience before they can be considered serious challengers.

The important thing to remember when trying to figure out who the next champion will be is that the current champion has defeated just about every single challenger, some more than once. Therefore, although Vivian Vachon, Vicki Williams and Toni Rose must be considered definite title threats, it's likely there won't be a new champion until Fabulous Moolah decides to step down.

She's in a class all by herself! □



Susan Greene (left) looks like a "can't miss" championship candidate. But she's young and still makes "rookie mistakes."

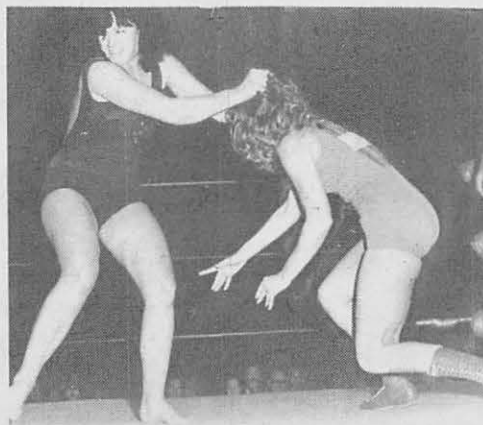


Debbie Johnson (right) is one of the most improved of all the gals. Debbie, however, needs a good finishing hold.



Janie O'Brien (left) slams Perla Nieto to the canvas. Called "the meanest girl in wrestling," Janie's brutality results in his getting disqualified in bouts she might have won.

Ann Casey (right) drags Maria Laverne by the hair. Both Ann and Maria are top candidates. But would they want all the traveling a champion's schedule requires?







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# IS THIS THE GHOST OF THE MUMMY? *(Continued from Page 23)*



The Mummy slams into Mike Hull (left) to weaken him for his finishing hold. Below: The Mummy says he doesn't believe in ghosts... but adds that he's been dead for a few thousand years. You figure it out.

"But that wasn't all. While I was wrestling him I could feel him. There was something there. But at other times I'd grab him and just grab air. One time I stuck my fist into his stomach and it went right through him as if he didn't exist! He seemed to be able to turn it on and off. One time I kicked him in the stomach and he doubled over in pain. Yet when I tried it again I was just kicking air. I'll tell ya' something. I never believed in ghosts before—but I do now. It's the scariest thing that ever happened to me. I mean...how can you hurt a man who's already dead?"

Hull's swipes through the air were so fast the fans couldn't see that at times he appeared to be wrestling an invisible man. But after the match was over the entire audience was agog as the Mummy, standing in the ring, seemed to split himself into two people!

"I didn't believe what I was seeing but I grabbed my camera and started shooting," Lanza continued. "I couldn't wait to develop the pictures to see if I was able to photograph what had happened. Only one picture came out. But in that picture you could clearly see two distinct images."

The Mummy himself didn't help solve the puzzle either. "A ghost?" he chuckled. "No. Nobody believes in ghosts. Don't tell me you do. But I am dead... or... I have been. Many times. I am the reincarnation of an ancient Egyptian prince who

died centuries and centuries ago. It's not something I've tried to hide. Nobody would believe me before. But when they thought I was burned to death in the fire they considered me dead. I never really died in that fire because I was dead before. In fact, I've been dead for more than 3,000 years."

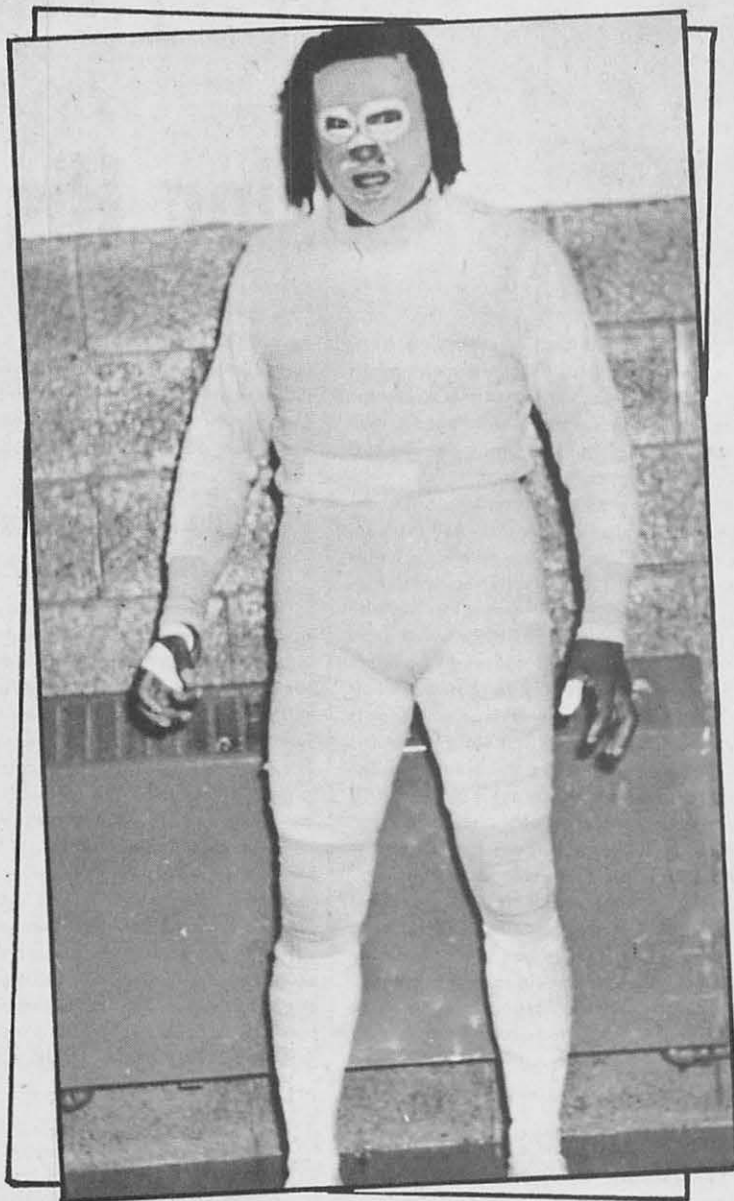
If he is to be believed it seems funny that not until this particular appearance did he exhibit his ghost-like qualities. How come that was never apparent before?

"I've always been able to do that," he said, "but occasionally

I have trouble controlling it. This is the first time it's happened in public."

So according to the Mummy, he never did die in that fire because he was already dead to begin with. Strange? Yes. Believable? No. In fact the entire thing smacks of a hoax.

But then you get back to what Mike Hull experienced, what our own photographer saw and what the camera recorded. There must be some sort of logical explanation. But nobody we know has as yet found out what it could be! □





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## "THE FUGITIVE!"

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"For example, southerners in Mississippi are much different from southerners in Florida and totally different from people in Boston. New Englanders are in a category all by themselves. Westerners who live on farms and ranches are nothing like westerners who live in big cities. People in New York are like people nowhere else in the world.

"This isn't true in Europe. Although there are regional differences, most Englishmen are pretty much the same. So are Germans or Scots or Danes or Poles. Only in Italy is there a large difference, between northern and southern Italians, but that's an exception. America is like Europe except it's all one country. The people in dif-



"America is like Europe except it's all one country. The people in the different states are as unique as people in different countries are in Europe," Goulet's travels showed. "Different states are as unique as people in different countries are in Europe."

There isn't much in the world Rene Goulet hasn't seen. Yet, if he ever covers it all he'd like to go back and start over again. "You know it's funny," he pointed out. "I wrestle the same way in Philadelphia and Montreal as I do in Florida and Minneapolis—yet I'm a big hero in the first two places and a rather unpopular fellow in the last two. It would be interesting to see if that holds true the second time around."

But then again there's always the possibility he won't stay in any of those places long enough to find out. ☐



# SCHOOL (Continued from Page 25)



Leroy Jones, another graduate of Izzy Zerling's Recreation Center, was good enough to get to the trials for the U.S. Olympic boxing team.

interested. One of the innovations is that matches between the youngsters are now held in actual arenas like Sunnyside Gardens where the professionals wrestle.

"It's a fantastic thing," said someone close to the program. "These girls climb into the ring where Pedro Morales or Chief Jay Strongbow wrestled the night before. They can picture themselves as Fabulous Moolah or Susan Green or Sandy Parker. For the boys who aren't interested in wrestling there is boxing. And they too get on the card at Sunnyside. Leroy Jones, an amateur fighter who made it to the U.S. Olympic boxing trials, started out at Izzy Zerling's Recreation Center.

Among the other prized pupils are three girls who bill themselves as the "Star Girls" and "Moon Girl." The Star Girls, who wrestle as a tag team, are both 15 years old, both stand 5-5 and weigh 125 pounds. Moon Girl is 17 years old, stands 5-6 and weighs 115 pounds. There are those who think that these three girls may be the Recreation Center's first graduates to the ranks of professional women's wrestling. They're that good.

The work of Zerling and the youngsters at the Recreation Center has been so impressive that in March they'll be exhibiting their wrestling and boxing talents at an eight-day show at the prestigious New York Coliseum!

If you go down to the streets of the lower east side of New York City you'll still see drug pushers, 12-year-old addicts, rats, filth, crime and deplorable conditions. But for a large number of the kids trapped in that horrendous neighborhood—there's another place to turn. And it all came about because a man who loves young people stood in the doorway of his sporting goods store and decided it was about time someone tried to help.

els and dimes to build it. He received no federal funds, no state funds, no city funds. The entire operation is supported by donations. It has one objective—to get kids off dope, off drinking, off smoking, off fighting with each other and off the streets.

"The idea came to me one night while I was at the store," Izzy recalls. "I was standing in the doorway watching a group of young girls standing around smoking, cursing and doing some things which were worse. I decided I had to do something. I held an 'open house' in my center and invited the kids and their parents. The parents wanted me to find jobs for the kids. I knew I couldn't do that but suggested something else instead.

"I told them I could teach them wrestling and, if they wanted to, boxing as well. It might not enable them to get jobs but it would make them start training and they'd have to give up all their bad habits."

At first the parents were skeptical. Wrestling? But nobody was offering a better solution and the kids seemed anxious to try.

In a few short weeks parents were calling Zerling a "miracle worker." The same youngsters who previously had stood on street corners getting into all sorts of trouble were now spending all their time training. They were off the streets and when Izzy introduced the program into the schools—school officials were stunned to find the kids going back to school. The girls especially took to it. The group Izzy works with now practically live at the Recreation Center.

Izzy Zerling's idea began 10 years ago. But each year he adds a few new touches to keep the youngsters

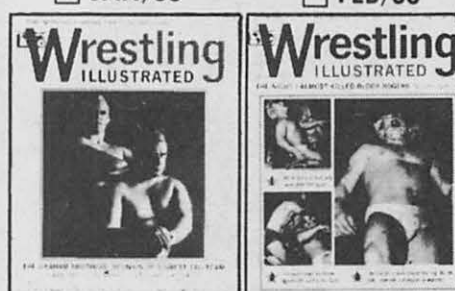
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## NOBODY GIVES A DAMN

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responsible for getting him tangled or entrapped in the ropes?

We recommend that no count be assessed against a wrestler if his leaving the ring or getting tangled in the ropes is not his own doing and was caused by the actions of an opponent.

It is obvious that many referees are confused about the two aspects of the disqualification rules. For infractions such as hair-pulling, eye-gouging and biting—infractions calling for immediate disqualification—referees are giving five-counts before ordering wrestlers to break the hold. This should be straightened out immediately.

The final aspects of the rules that needs changing has to do with championship matches. In the official wrestling rules there is nothing that indicates title matches are any different from any other matches. That much-abused rule about a champion being unable to lose his belt on a disqualification DOES NOT APPEAR anywhere in the wrestling rules!

It appears to be a rule initiated by a number of small alliances or promoters which seems to have mushroomed to the extent that everyone believes it to be a rule. In Texas, for example, there are certain matches in which championships can change hands for reasons other than a pin or a submission. This would be in flagrant violation of the championship rule—if there was such a rule.

We do not know how this non-rule began or how it gained such common acceptance. For all we know, certain federations have by now written it into their rules thinking it is a rule. But that's all besides the point. The point is that certain champions are taking advantage of this belief to hold onto titles they'd otherwise have lost. Some titleholders have even bragged they'll never lose their belts because they'll get themselves disqualified if they're in serious trouble!

Since it isn't really in the rules to begin with, we recommend that the "rule" saying championships cannot change hands because of a disqualification be abolished! Championship matches are like any other matches and can be ended by any of the means described earlier in this article. If a regular match can end in any of the six ways described earlier

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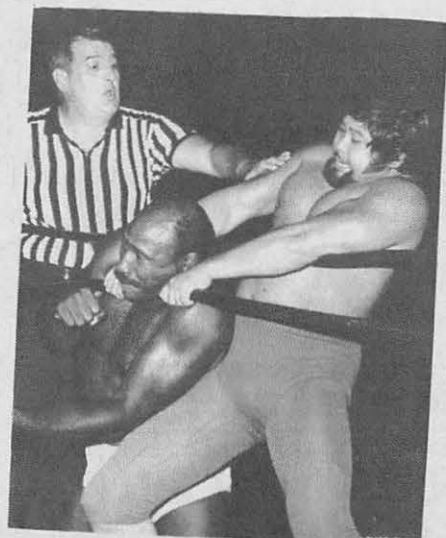
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Bobo Brazil pins The Sheik, one of the six ways a match can end (above). Pins are becoming a rarity. Right: Mr. Saito chokes Bearcat Wright with the ropes, grounds for immediate disqualification. He should not get a count to break the hold. Below: The Mongolian Bull lies outside the ring after being thrown on a table. Since he wasn't trying to escape punishment he should not be disqualified for not returning by a count of 20.



—why can a championship change hands for only two of those ways? It just doesn't make sense.

The purpose of this investigation is not to discredit the referees. A man cannot be blamed for being confused by vague and/or outdated rules. The very fact that in some instances 90 percent of the referees polled didn't know the proper rule covering a given situation proves that the fault does not lie with the individual referee.

The fault lies with the various alliances. Although they proclaim different champions and often feud with each other they all adhere (supposedly) to the same basic rules of professional wrestling. Therefore, it is up to them to revise the rules and require their referees to enforce those revisions. Otherwise the wrestlers who take advantage of the confusion over the rules and use that confusion to protect themselves will continue to do so without fear of punishment! ☐

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### A VALIANT GESTURE

I really liked the pictures in Jim Valiant's Photo Album (THE WRESTLER—SEPT/72). I even did what Jim requested. I did hang the pictures up but it was on my dart board! I love hitting him on that grotesque excuse he calls a face. I found his story very boring to say the least. The only muscles Valiant has are behind his ears. Every time he wrestles he gets the hell booed out of him by everyone. The only thing a camera is good for when Valiant is around is to throw the flash bulbs at him. Get him out of the men's ratings and put him in the women's. That's where he belongs! I'll do one better—put him with the midgets since he has a midget brain!

STEVE GOLDSTEIN

Westport, Massachusetts

### RATINGS MAKE HIM SICK!

I'm sick and tired of your ratings! For instance, you list Baron Von Raschke in front of Bruiser. Bruiser beat him a number of times. Billy Red Cloud, Wilbur Snyder and Art Thomas have all beaten him. Either get a new man to do your ratings or drop it!

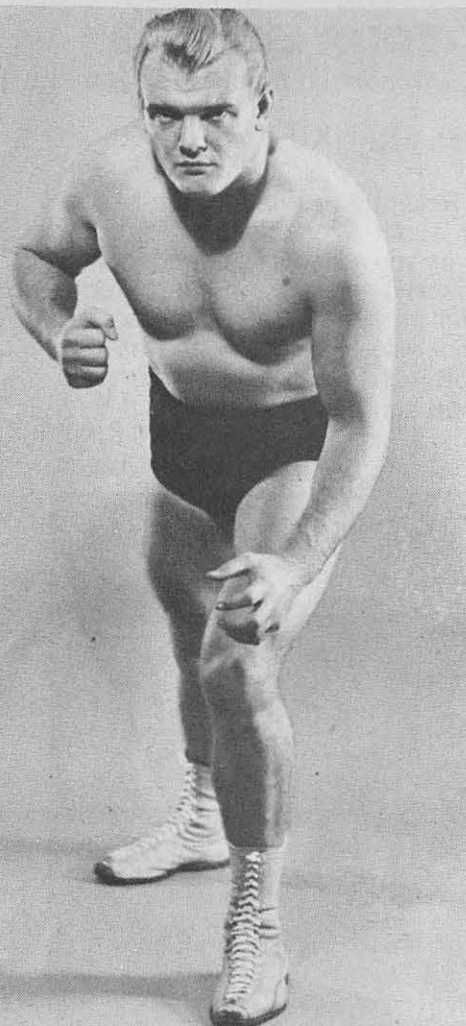
LARRY MARFISE

Chicago, Illinois



Although Bruiser has beaten Baron Von Raschke, he didn't win the W.W.A. title until just recently.





## HIS VALENTINE

Johnny Valentine Club Headquarters are being overwhelmed by the flood of mail for him. He is very pleased with the fine coverage you've given him in both *INSIDE WRESTLING* and *THE WRESTLER*. We want to thank all the beautiful people who have been writing. Johnny is the American Heavyweight Champion and is wrestling better than ever. Go see him when he comes to your part of the country!

JOE ANTHONY (Club President)  
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## FARGO FEVER

I think the Fargo Brothers stink. I never heard of them until I picked up your magazine. They really think they're popular. Well they're not! They're rotten cheats and they shouldn't be allowed to wrestle. They call all clean wrestlers "skid row bums." If anyone deserves that title it's the Fargo Brothers! They'd better learn to

The Johnny Valentine Fan Club has been overwhelmed with mail about the big blond ever since Lin Lorimer's fine story about John in the August 1972 issue of *INSIDE WRESTLING* magazine.

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Wapakoneta, Ohio

## IS HE WRIGHT?

I can't understand why Bearcat Wright ever teamed up with Bobby Shane. Here in Los Angeles Bearcat only wrestles Shane's kind. He's squared off against Ernie Ladd and we're one hundred percent behind him. I can't understand why Florida fans disliked him so much. Bearcat could beat Shane in record time.

JAY MATTHEWS  
Los Angeles, California

## THEY'RE NUTS!

Guys like George Steele, Stan Stasiak, Blackjack Mulligan and Ivan Koloff all have screws loose. How could they say that the referees protect the greatest champion wrestling has ever known, Pedro Morales. He always wins by skill alone. Those guys I mentioned above are all name callers—not wrestlers. The referees *do not* protect Pedro!

PAUL COLLI  
Windsor Oaks, Conn.

## RONNIE RUINED?

In the September issue of *INSIDE WRESTLING* reader Lou Chamberland said he thinks that Jack Brisco couldn't beat Ronnie Garvin. He also said that Brisco always managed to hold onto his Florida title by disqualification. That's not true. Garvin always gets himself disqualified. Jack has pinned Ronnie's shoulders to the mat a dozen or more times. Jack's first professional match was against Garvin and Jack beat him. He's a fine wrestler—not a brawler like Garvin.

DEBBIE CRANE  
Melbourne, Florida

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## YOUR LETTERS

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### OH, FRANKIE!

Recently you had a feature story about Frankie Laine. In that story you asked if he's the greatest cowboy wrestler in the World. Well he's not. He stinks. I saw that idiot wrestle recently and he was nothing. Stop wasting your time with him. He is the worst!

DENNIS KIME  
Portland, Oregon



Who ever told Jim Valiant he was handsome? "Nobody had to tell me," Jim said, "I've always known it."

### RATS TO HIM!

Who ever told Jim Valiant he was handsome? He is about as handsome as a rattlesnake and his build is worse. I'm going to cut out every picture of him from your magazines and put them in an alley to keep the rats away!

DANNY RAMSEY  
West Frankfort, Illinois

### THE CHIEF'S LIFE

How about doing a "This Is Your Life" story on Chief Jay Strongbow? He is loved all over the world. Recently he co-held the W.W.W.F. tag team title with Super Sonny King, another great star. Let's give the Chief what he deserves!

IRVING BAUM  
Brooklyn, New York



## CORRESPONDENT REPORTS (from Page 8)

great. Ernie Ladd still holds the Americas title. His most recent title defense was against the Mexican Missile—Mil Mascaras.

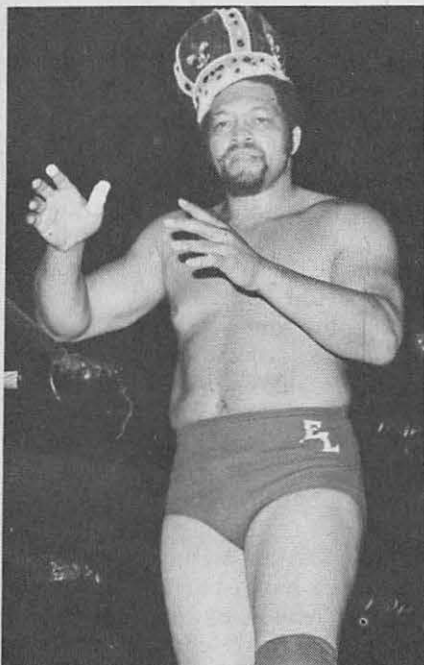
Mil captured the first fall when he bodyslammed Ladd, climbed the top rope and came crashing across Ladd's body with a flying body press.

Fall number two saw Mascaras toss Ladd all around the ring. At one point Mascaras was accused of choking Ladd by referee Johnny Dugan. Mil protested, but while his back was turned away from Ladd he was attacked. Ladd took his taped thumb and raked the tape deep into Mil's eye. Mil fell dazed—in pain—to the mat.

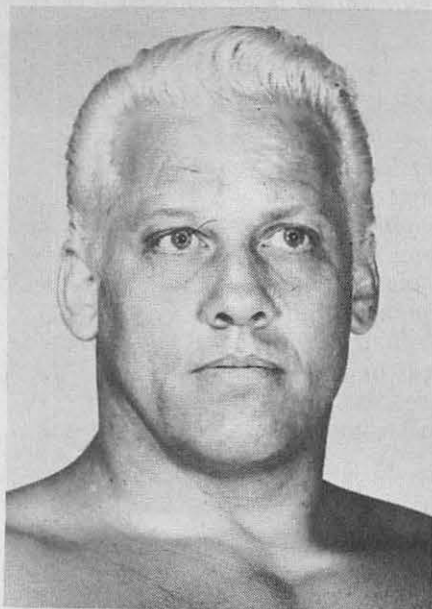
Help came here as Raul Mata ran down the aisle and into the ring. He had been watching the match from the dressing room entrance. But his heroic attempt was short-lived. Ladd got hold of him and turned Mata into a bloody mess. Then Ruben Juarez entered the scene! He took his boot off and started hitting Ladd with it. The referee tried to stop him but he couldn't. Juarez kept it up until Ladd was a gory mess.

Mascaras, regaining his senses, joined in the action by helping Ruben. Next, Mr. Moto charged into the ring. He had been watching the match on closed circuit TV in the wrestling office. Ruben and Mil just shoved him out of the way.

Finally a few trainers and managers came in and broke up the melee. Ladd was taken to the dressing room on a stretcher and the match was ruled "no contest."



Ernie Ladd recently got a ride on a stretcher but he still retained his prized America's championship.



*Buddy Colt broke Johnny Walker's arm in Tampa and followed it up by breaking his nose as well!*

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Buddy Colt broke Johnny Walker's arm in a recent Tampa match! About 10 minutes into the match Walker hurled Colt through the ropes and on to the concrete floor. When Colt tried to get into the ring, Walker clipped him on the head with his fist and knocked him down to the floor again. When Walker tried this a second time, Colt grabbed his arm and rammed it right into the steel ringpost. You could hear a crunch as Walker's bone broke.

To add insult to injury, a few weeks later, in a revenge bout, Colt busted Johnny's nose!

Dory Funk Jr. toured the Sunshine State defeating such men as Colt and popular Bobby Fuller. The champ nearly lost to Fuller before claiming the victory with a beautiful suplex.

Apparently the saying, "It takes a Texan to beat a Texan," is true. Houston's Paul Jones did the impossible by upsetting Dory Funk Jr. in a non-title match.

Jack Brisco had two chances to regain the Florida title from Paul Jones but was disqualified both times.

Tim Woods caused the tempers of Redbeard and his manager Bobby Shane to flare up when he brought Mike Graham into the ring as his manager.

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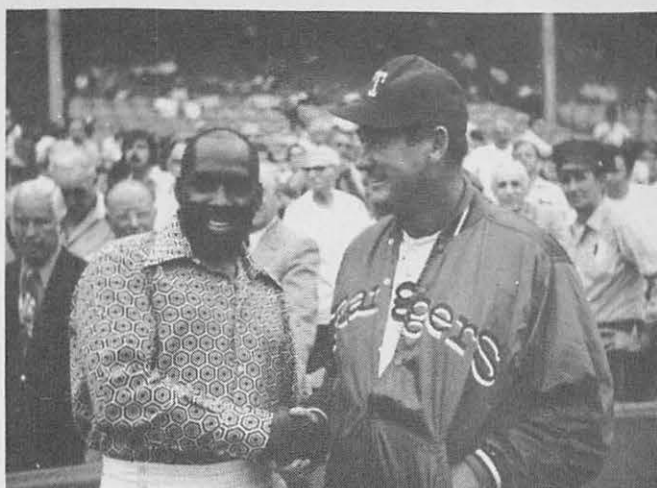
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## HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING, BABY

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Sonny King got one of the big thrills of his life recently when he met a long-time idol, Texas Rangers manager Ted Williams. Ted was one of the greatest stars in baseball.



with Ann Casey. They were once close friends and we hate to see these two beauties at each other's throat. We wonder what caused it? ... Ruben Juarez and Raul Mata are continuing their victory streak. Nothing stands in their way! ... Spiros Arion is the new Australian heavyweight champ... Lou Albano says, "I love teaming with The Spoiler. He's not only a great wrestler, he's a helluva partner. He is great with me at his side. After all—I taught him how!"

Wahoo McDaniel was asked recently if he'd ever team up with Chief Jay Strongbow.

"I'd love to," Wahoo said. "But right now that's impossible. Strongbow is wrestling strictly in the east and I'm staying right here in the mid-west until I get rid of some unfinished business. The fans know what I mean. I want to wipe out Dick Murdoch and Larry Hennig. I really hate those bums!"

"Sure I'd like to team with Wahoo," Strongbow agreed. "If Wahoo is as great as I've heard he is we'll make one heck of a tag team. I'll tell you though, I'm really satisfied with my current partner Sonny King. He's the guy I'd like to stick with. It would be fun switching off once in awhile though. I'm sure Sonny'd like to do it too."

One of the most thrilling things that ever happened to Sonny King took place recently when he was a guest of Boston's Fenway Park.

"I was appearing for a charity event, which I always make time for, no matter how busy I am. I didn't know the Red Sox were playing the Texas Rangers that day until I got there. Man, what a thrill! I met one

of my idols—Ted Williams. I'll never forget it. I felt like goin' out on the field and playing a few innings for the Rangers just so I could stay with Mr. Williams all day!"

This issue's Question of the Month was submitted by Robert Quagley. He wanted us to ask a series of wrestlers, "What do you think of bloody matches?" Here are some of the interesting answers we received:

GEORGE STEELE: "I love 'em. I really enjoy chewing my opponent's flesh until the blood starts flowing. Then I go into ecstasy once it starts running all over his body."

EDOUARD CARPENTIER: "I totally dislike them. I see no reason for making your opponent bleed. I feel that you should go and beat him—not slaughter him."

KILLER KOWALSKI: "If making my opponent bleed will help weaken him so I can finish him off, I'm all for it."

JOHN TOLOS: "If my opponent tries to make me bleed I'll do the same to him. I'll not start the bleeding. But he'll bleed twice as much as me if I get at him."

St. Louis fans were given a real action-packed match as Jack Brisco wrestled Gene Kiniski. Kiniski took the match on a controversial decision... Buddy Colt busted Johnny Walker's nose in a recent match. Johnny's bent on revenge... Billy Spears and tag team partner Rocket Monroe had an argument during a match and have split up. Now they want to tear each other apart... Ronnie Garvin is chasing manager Gary Hart. "He's got a big mouth and no guys," Garvin claims.

And that's what's happening, baby!



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tion and great fans in this area," said El Olimpico.

**Q:** Ask Don Carson why he doesn't come back to California and team up with John Tolos to get rid of crumbs like Billy Graham, Kenji Shibuya and Goliath. Is Carson still mad at Tolos because of what John did to Freddie Blassie? Blassie's forgiven Tolos. Has John?—Edward Burlett, Freehold, N.J.

**A:** "I have some unfinished business to settle with John Tolos," said Don Carson, "and it goes deeper than what happened to Blassie. Some day Tolos and I might get together. But there are a few personal things that would have to be settled first."

**Q:** What ever happened to Jim Dillon who used to wrestle around the Ohio-Pennsylvania-New York area?—Merle McLean Jr., Vienna, Ohio.

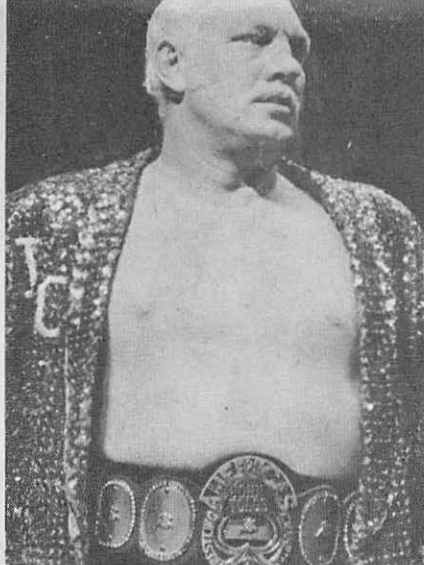
**A:** Jim Dillon is currently the terror of the Carolinas and Virginia and he says he "might return to his former area if they pay him enough money to come back."

**Q:** Ask that chicken-hearted ugly skunk Waldo Von Erich why he doesn't wrestle people like Bruno Sammartino, Baron Von Raschke, Dory Funk Jr. or Jack Brisco. Is he scared?—Jonathan Clark, Robeling, N.J.

**A:** "I can't waste my time wrestling a bunch of preliminary wrestlers," Waldo stated. "Those guys wouldn't make me work up a sweat!"

**Q:** Has Bobo Brazil ever thought of retiring from wrestling?—Randy Tell, Macon, Georgia.

**A:** "Every wrestler thinks of retiring from time to time—especially after a tough match with someone like The Sheik. But I know myself, and the



Don Carson says he still has some unfinished business with John Tolos and won't team with him yet.

how come he still wears the mask in Texas and calls himself "Mr. Wrestling?"—Randi Sujion, Dallas, Texas.

**A:** Tim admits being Mr. Wrestling in Florida—but he doesn't have the slightest idea of who the Texas "Mr. Wrestling" is. "All I know," says Tim, "is that it isn't me."

**Q:** Bull Bullinski disappeared for awhile and now he's back. What happened to him?—Mark Crowley, Waterloo, Iowa.

**A:** Bull was invited on a tour of Japan and since he'd never been there—he went.

**Q:** Does Jean Ferre, the French Giant, like short girls or tall girls?—Suzie Lalonde, Rimouski, Quebec.

**A:** "I like all girls," Jean says. "When you're as big as I am you learn not to discriminate because of height. Besides, they all look short to me."

**Q:** Would Pedro Morales, Verne Gagne and Dory Funk Jr. be willing to enter a tournament against each other to see which one's the real champ? They could each wrestle each other twice and the man who wins the most matches would be declared the winner.—Greg Lyons, Green Bay, Wis-

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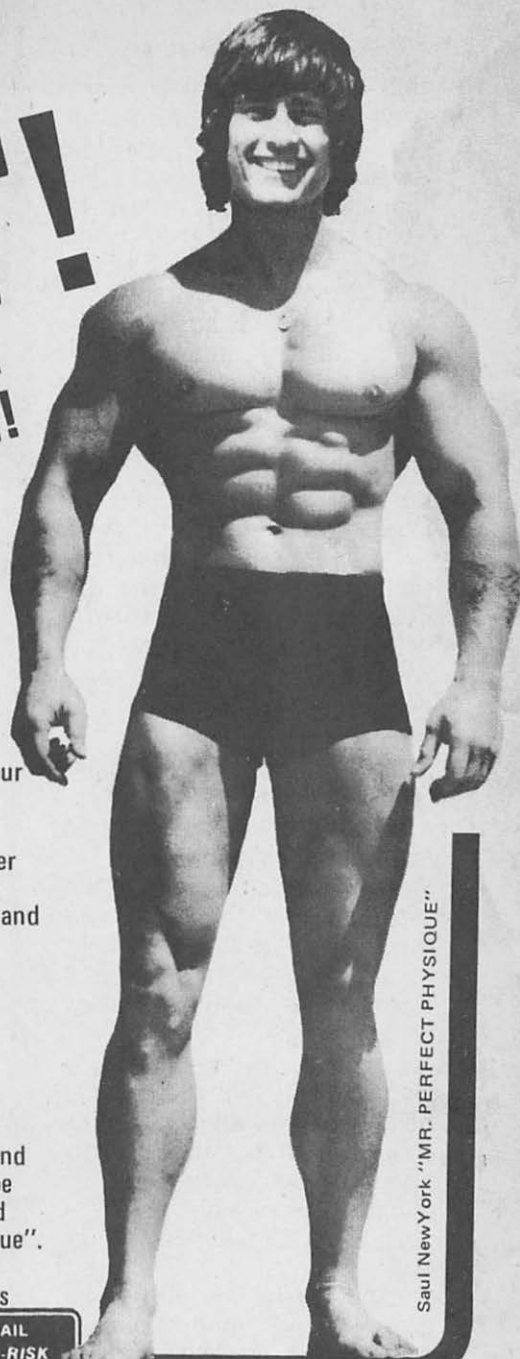
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